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Sherborne reeve is warden

■ *Ross Rabjohn gets the nod the second time around*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It was almost a case of "déjà vu all over again."

Just like last December, on Tuesday night the same two men were in the auditorium of Hyland Crest asking their fellow county councillors to vote for them as warden of Haliburton County.

Last year, the vote came down to an eight-eight tie between Lutterworth's Jim McMahon and Sherborne et al's Ross Rabjohn. To break the tie, a name was drawn out of a box and McMahon became warden. (Rabjohn's deputy-reeve had been unable to attend the meeting, hence the even number of county councillors.)

This year, there was not a tie and it was Rabjohn who garnered most of the votes, earning him the distinction of being political leader of Haliburton County for the next year. Because voting is done secretly, the final tally was not made public.

Before the election, Rev.

Christopher Greaves addressed county council and the various county employees and ratepayers gathered in the auditorium. He asked God to bless all the county councillors who have gone before, as well as the ones now serving. He asked that councillors be mindful of the needs of their fellow Highlanders and asked that God give them the courage and guidance to support and unite the county.

McMahon's bid for an unprecedented second consecutive term as warden was endorsed by Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon and Lutterworth Deputy-reeve Lisa Mercer.

Anthon said extending McMahon's tenure would provide the stability the county needs. One year is an insufficient amount of time to achieve all goals and "the county would benefit to have the same master at the helm." She believed McMahon would provide stability and proven leadership.

Rabjohn was endorsed by Snowdon Reeve George Simmons and Monmouth Reeve Keith Tallman.

It is important for the border municipalities to know that the county is aware of their needs

and concerns, Simmons says. One of those municipalities is Sherborne et al and having their reeve as warden will be a sign they aren't being neglected by the rest of the county.

As well, it's important for the warden to wear two hats: one as a municipal representative and one as a county representative and Simmons believed Rabjohn would keep the county perspective in mind.

It was then time for the candidates to speak.

McMahon said that his time as warden really flew. Last December, he had a plan to improve the quality of life for county residents and his present objective is to complete the realization of that plan.

Borrowing from the comments of others, McMahon described himself as being hard-working, unselfish, conscientious in his daily visits to the county office, straight-forward, honest and fair. These observations are also part of his self image, but above all, he said, "I am a modest man who wishes only to serve his community, his family and his conscience."

He credited his year as warden as being a time of saving money.

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Wary Minden residents assured health support

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Ministry of Health is committed to providing meaningful emergency services in Minden as part of the local hospital restructuring project.

"Yes, yes, yes," said Sheri Weisberg, responding to Stuart Baker's friendly "grilling" at Wednesday night's meeting of the Acting Health Services Board.

"The Ministry is 150% behind this project and looks forward to seeing it fulfilled," said Weisberg, who works with the Ministry's Institutional Health Group in Toronto. "This is looked upon as a model for rural communities so we're fully supportive."

Baker, who is chairman of the board which has the task of deciding how to spend the \$10.6-million committed to the project, says that there are four parts to the restructuring process. Two of them take place in Minden — expanding Hyland Crest and building an emergency unit at the site — and two in Haliburton — upgrading the existing hospital to consolidate acute care beds and building 30 new long-term care beds.

Weisberg assured the board that all four parts are integral to the entire package.

"Is the development of a meaningful emergency care unit in Minden as important as the consolidation of beds?" Baker asked.

"Yes it is," Weisberg responded. "Minden and Haliburton are

equal."

"Are 30 long-term care beds as important?" Baker asked.

"Yes," Weisberg responded. "There's nothing that's ranked (in order of importance.)"

"We're trying to create equity for the entire population," added Elaine Bishop of the Ministry's Information, Planning and Evaluation Branch.

Because there are some questions about what the emergency unit will include, Minden area residents have been nervous about the future. Gerry Rome, an Anson, Hindon and Minden councillor and president of the Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Association, says the residents are "extremely upset" about the future of hospital services in

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REVERSAL OF FORTUNE:

Last year, Jim McMahon and Ross Rabjohn both wanted to be warden of Haliburton County. After the tied vote, McMahon's name was pulled out of a hat. One year later, McMahon wanted to be warden for a second term and once again he was vying for the honour against the Sherborne et al reeve. This time, however, the Sherborne reeve was successful in getting most of his fellow county councillors vote. Here McMahon helps Rabjohn put on the warden's robe of office

The gift of giving:

Food and book drives capture Christmas spirit

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

About 200 Haliburton County families will have something more to celebrate this Christmas.

And hundreds of others who have supported the 4Cs Food Bank and the Haliburton Rotary Club's first-ever book drive can

go into the holiday season knowing they've made a difference.

Bob Thompson, one of the directors of the 4Cs, says food and gift donations have been coming in steadily to fill up the special boxes the organization puts together for families in need each Christmas.

The Rotary's book drive has been a great success as well, with more than 500 new and like-new books already collected, says Rotarian Linda Shadbolt.

The books will be added to the 4Cs' Christmas boxes in an effort to give people an added gift and to promote literacy at the same time.

While the 4Cs usually helps feed about 30 families every month throughout the year, there is a huge demand just before Christmas. The food bank expects to hand out about 200 Christmas food boxes this week.

Each box is filled with about 50 pounds of non-perishable food items, as well as a food voucher and some hand-wrapped Christmas presents.

Rose Barry and her sister Betty Smith have been packing the boxes over the past week or so with the help of some additional volunteers.

Mrs. Barry says there has been a shortage in the number of presents donated that are suitable for older children and teenagers, par-

tially because the number of children benefitting from the 4Cs' assistance has risen.

To make sure there will be presents in the Christmas boxes for older kids and teens, as well as the younger children, the Food Bank has used some of the money that people have donated to the cause to purchase suitable gifts.

Thompson said the generosity of the community continually amazes him.

"I think of the other food banks in different cities and the advertising they have to do to get to the people," he said. "It just happens here without any particular drive ... Certainly this community captures the Christmas spirit. They're great."

Among the many associations, service groups, businesses and individuals that have been helping out, he noted Sir Sandford Fleming College which donated the space it had rented out at the Drag River Municipal Building for the 4Cs to use to put together all of its food and gift boxes.

Shadbolt was also surprised by the overwhelming support of the community.

"We've had a really terrific response for a first-year effort," she said. "It's definitely something that we'll continue again next year."

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EARLY DEADLINE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

To make it easier for *Echo* staff to spend the Christmas holidays with their families (and finish off some last-minute shopping), the deadline for next week's *Echo* is a few days early.

We ask that all advertising and editorial copy be submitted by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

We will be laying out the paper on Thursday but it will not appear on the streets until Tuesday, December 27.

Meanwhile, the *Echo* staff would like to extend our best wishes to our readers and advertisers for this holiday season.



CHRISTMAS SHOW: In between songs, Agnes Ainsworth takes a moment to chat with one of the Grade 1 children from Victoria Street Elementary School who visited Extencicare on Thursday to put on a Christmas concert. The students later handed out Christmas cards they had made for each of the residents.

Here, There and Everywhere...

Wow! There certainly are a lot of Ernest Tubbs fans out there. Last week we asked if anyone had a copy of "I'm Walking the Floor Over You" to play at our skatathon in memory of Creighton Feir. Did we get phone calls. Our thanks to Randolph Scott, Doris Moore, Muriel Bannon, Clara Leveck, Mike Maher, Linda Mumford and Bill Campbell, who offered to lend us their copy. Creighton used to sing the song at work and we can now play the song for all the people who join us for an afternoon of free skating at the Dysart arena on December 28.

And the Echo staff would like to thank co-worker Jamie Woodman for writing the lion's share of the poem "Twas the Night Before Tuesday" which appears in this week's paper. The first person who correctly counts all the references to food has to bring us in a dozen muffins.

Although it's not polite to count, it's nice to see so many women on county council. Four women on the 17-member council may not be proportional with rest of the population, but at least it's the most women who have ever sat on county council at the same time. Glamorgan seems to be the trailblazer, having had female reeves at one time or another since 1967 and other municipalities are beginning to follow suit.

Tim Elstone phoned to enquire about who's responsible for making paths in the snowbanks along the main street in Haliburton. Seniors often find it difficult to climb over the embankments. The work used to be done by people who were ordered to do community work as part of their court sentence but that practice seems to have fallen by the wayside. Business owners help keep the sidewalks clean and from time to time the municipal road crew will clear the streets and sidewalks of snow.

The Somerville Centre in Burnt River is having a New Year's Eve Dance beginning at 8 p.m.. There will be a live band, hot and cold buffet and party favours. For tickets phone 705-887-3242 or 705-454-8016.

A Wilberforce Veneer worker who wanted to remain nameless said the mill is overflowing with Christmas spirit this year. Employees have been challenged by manager Yvonne Shamash, who apparently has Yuletide cheer to spare, to decorate their work stations in the best way they can for the holidays. Workers are getting together in groups and using their combined efforts to produce some pretty fantastic Christmas displays. Once all the final touches have been made, the decorative work stations will be judged. The winner will receive a paid day off, while the second prize winner will take home a turkey and third gets a big bag of candy. Sounds like they're turning out more than just veneer in Wilberforce.

Sir Sam's Ski Area is part of a promotional campaign called the Blue Light Taste of Ski Country. Sponsored by a well-known beer manufacturer, the program showcases 36 ski clubs and hills throughout Ontario on bottle caps of Blue Light. It is designed to recognize a recreational sport in the communities that have been integral to Blue Light's strength as a brand.

Unique Christmas book drive offers the gift of words

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Of the many who supported the cause was Sam Charlton, who built the municipality of Dysart et al's first prize-winning float at Haliburton's Santa Clause Parade. He and his fellow municipal staff members donated the winnings to the drive. And staff at the CIBC in Haliburton decided to make donations to the book drive, rather than exchanging gifts this year, Shadbolt says.

"There's been lots of really good support, so I feel really good about it," she adds.

This was the first year the Rotary organized a Christmas book drive to help the 4Cs. It asked people to donate either brand new books or books that have been used and are still in very good condition at drop off centres at Master's Book Store, Under Cover Books and Eagle Lake Food Town.

Most of the books that have been donated are for the adult audience, but there are also about 150 children's books, said Shadbolt.

When people donated a book, their name was entered in a draw for a free copy of Pierre Berton's beautiful new book, *Winter*. The draw was Saturday and the winner was Barbara Dawson of Haliburton.

Families which have registered with the 4Cs for food boxes can pick them up on Thursday (Dec. 22) at the following locations: The 4Cs Food Bank, for those located in Haliburton, West Guilford and the surrounding area; Wilberforce United Church, for those in Tory Hill, Harcourt, Cardiff and Wilberforce; and the Gooderham Fire Hall, for those in the southern end of the county, west to Irondale.



READY TO GO: Bob Thompson and Rose Barry prepare some of the Christmas food boxes the 4Cs Food Bank will give out to close to 200 families across the county this Christmas. In addition to food items and gifts, each of the boxes will contain books collected by the Rotary.

Health board motion stirs anger

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Some members of the Acting Health Services Board were angry about being asked to vote in favour of a motion endorsing what they had already agreed on two months ago.

At Wednesday night's meeting, board member Ted Wilkes put forward a motion which included a previously approved motion. In October, the board voted to consolidate acute care beds in Haliburton and provide 24-hour emergency care in Minden, including five to seven stabilization beds. A month later, the Ministry of Health responded by saying it supports the motion in principle. Wilkes combined the two into one motion on Wednesday because he wanted to send a strong message to the public that the board is committed to emergency services in Minden.

Paul Heffer asked if this meant the board was going to "re-hash" the previous debate on consolidation.

"I think this is premature," said Joyce Gostock. Earlier in the meeting, Ministry of Health representatives said services at the Minden emergency unit will depend on what the public wants and what the board can afford. The board doesn't know yet if the public is going to want the stabilization beds instead of some other service.

Wilkes said his motion still allows flexibility depending on what is financially possible, "but that doesn't mean it will be zero."

Rheta Jones said the new motion was not necessary. "I don't think we need to do this meeting after meeting. I'd like to move on."

"I agree completely with Rheta," said Barbara Dawson. "This was settled... You have to do things based on faith and respect and it's time to get on with our business."

But Wilkes said his motion was "a huge step. I think people need to hear this."

Dawson said people will hear the Ministry's statement that it is

committed to emergency care in Minden through newspaper reports of the earlier part of the meeting.

"I wouldn't want to vote against the motion but it seems to me silly to go through the same motion," said Ken Wilson.

Hugh Nichol wondered if the motion couldn't be part of the board's mission statement instead. Heffer is working on board development and this is one issue that could be addressed during that process.

Someone wondered whether voting against Wilkes' motion would mean that the October motion would be rescinded, which no one wanted.

Marshall Elliott is the executive director of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, which is overseeing the project.

He had some concern about taking the motion back to his board because they are bound to ask what's different about it. "After a while if this continues there will be the issue of credibil-

ity... Once (the Acting Health Services Board appears to) to question the direction of the board, they too will wonder."

The DHU is paying the wages of the board's co-ordinator Kate Reed, he said, and there are other things she could be working on.

Board chairman Stuart Baker said he was voting for it as a confirmation of the previous motion. He gave Wilkes an opportunity to rescind the motion but Wilkes declined.

This made Dawson angry. "Ted, you're forcing us into something we don't want to be in... I don't want to have to do this every meeting."

The recorded vote was as follows: Stuart Baker, yea; Doug Campbell, yea; Barb Dawson, abstain; Joyce Gostock, abstain; Paul Heffer, yea; Rheta Jones, abstain; Dwaine Lloyd, abstain; Lisa Mercer, mmmmm ("Can you record that, Kate?")... nay; Hugh Nichol, yea; Ted Wilkes, yea; Ken Wilson, yes; Barbara Wright, yes.

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Community 'cornerstone' and former reeve named Stanhope Citizen of Year

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

THE CORNERSTONE of any community is built on the residents who live in it. And this year's Stanhope Citizen of the Year, William Cowen, is a perfect example of the kind of person needed to lay down those foundations.

Instrumental in turning the Hyland Crest Home for the Aged from a dream into a reality 30 years ago as County warden, Mr. Cowen placed the ceremonial cornerstone when construction began at the seniors home on June 15, 1965.

Mr. Cowen was also involved in putting in place the framework for the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall some 20 years ago.

It seems that wherever foundations needed to be laid, Mr. Cowen was involved.

As county warden in 1965, Mr. Cowen got the ball rolling on the Hyland Crest project, which was inspired by the Zion United Church Women in Carnarvon. They wanted to have a place in the county where senior citizens could live, instead of having to leave the county when they could no longer stay in their own homes. Up until he came to office, the home had primarily been a subject of discussion.

Now 30 years later it is a vital asset to the county.

The lifelong Stanhope resident was caught by surprise at the award presentation made by past Stanhope Reeve Fred Gardner at the municipal

Christmas party a few weeks ago.

"If something needed fixing or building, Bill would always go out and have a look and see how to do it," Mr. Gardner said. "He has done a lot of hard work for the community over the years and it seemed appropriate that we recognize him for it."

While Mr. Cowen was surprised by the award presentation, the retired logger/farmer and general jack-of-all-trades said that "I had an idea something was going on just by the way people were talking to me and acting. It feels really good to be recognized like this."

Mr. Cowen served on Stanhope council as a councillor and deputy-reeve from 1958 to 1963 and then from 1963 to 1965 as reeve of the township. He has also been a member of the township's management committee for the past decade.

Looking back on his life in municipal politics, Mr. Cowen said that things have changed dramatically since he last sat around the council table. "For one, we only got paid \$60 per year plus mileage expenses... It was pretty hard to get people to run for office."

Born and raised in Stanhope, he has watched the close-knit community grow throughout the years. "It has certainly changed over the years with all the improvements and additions of equipment."

And it is the people who live in Stanhope who has kept him there all these years, he says. "The people here are so friendly and nice and I've always liked it here."



Stanhope Citizen of the Year William Cowen displays the trowel he used 30 years ago when laying down the ceremonial cornerstone for Hyland Crest Home For The Aged.

Minden promised equal support

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Minden. Acute care beds are going to be moved to Haliburton and they don't know what the emergency unit will include.

"If you take something away, they need to know what you will give us in return," Rome said. He asked for a definition of what emergency care includes.

Unfortunately, Bishop said, the Ministry is doing a review of emergency care to come up with some new definitions. However, she stressed that "what will be here is what you decide."

A needs study will have to be done to analyze statistics about who uses emergency care and what they use it for. Population data will also help the community decide where to put its resources. Are there more men than women? More older people



Ministry of Health's Elaine Bishop

rather than children? What are the various needs of the different age groups?

Baker noted there are two restraints: the capital costs must be within the \$10.6-million approved by the province and the

operational costs must not exceed current levels. Decisions will be based on what services can be provided within that financial framework.

Weisberg suggested setting up various focus groups, such as the Stanworth residents, to talk about their needs and priorities. "What will make your residents feel comfortable?" she used as a possible question.

"We're not attempting to withhold information," Bishop added. "There's going to be much more you have to deal with... We're setting the stage to prepare for that."

Baker told Rome that "we all have the same frustrations as your tenants but in due course it will be defined and there will be open meetings (to find solutions.)"

Local MP invites public input

John O'Reilly, Member of Parliament for Victoria-Haliburton, has scheduled a social security discussion meeting, January 5, 1995, from 8-10 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton.

"I would like to invite everyone to attend this 'Town-Hall type' meeting in Haliburton, in the new year," Mr. O'Reilly said. It is the second meeting he has scheduled to discuss changes to social security in Canada, and he looks forward to hearing the views and concerns of everyone in attendance.

"Earlier this month I hosted a discussion meeting on social security changes, at the Lindsay

Recreational Complex, which drew about 75 people, and I believe it was a productive exchange of ideas and comments," Mr. O'Reilly said. "The Haliburton meeting will be organized the same way as the Lindsay meeting, and I would like to hear what people have to say, and respond to their questions."

"I will be submitting a report

on my meetings, to my colleague the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Human Resources Development, for his consideration as he prepares to chart a new course in Canada's social security system," Mr. O'Reilly said. "Once again, I encourage everyone to attend this 'Town-Hall type' meeting, because it is a discussion on the future of Canada's social security system."

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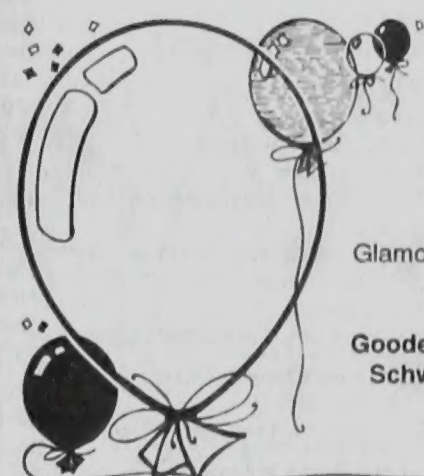
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Tragic start to snowmobile season

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Winter trailblazers are being warned to exercise caution after premature and irresponsible snowmobiling cost five people their lives in Ontario last week.

Meanwhile, two Orillia snowmobilers had a close call Wednesday when they crashed through South Lake in Snowdon township.

The two snowmobilers were lucky to escape injury when they

plunged through a "weak spot" on the freshly frozen South Lake near Minden.

The accident occurred near the shoreline of Silver Birches Cottages and Camping resort. Both of the brand new machines were extricated from the lake.

Silver Birches co-owner Bernice Lyddiatt said that normally by now South Lake is completely frozen over, but this year has been an exception.

"It is safe if you go fast right

across it but these guys decided to make a turn or something and were running around the lake and fell into some slush I guess," she said. "It's just too soon this year."

Haliburton County Snowmobilers Association (HCSA) President Brian Watts called the accident "unfortunate. There were tracks on the lake already and normally it is frozen over by now."

Watts issued a warning to impatient snowmobilers to wait until the lake's ice levels have been

measured. "When we feel the lakes are ready we'll go out and drill the ice and measure the depth."

If ice levels are deep enough, said Watts, then the waters will be marked with reflective tape.

Until then, he warned snowmobilers to stay off all bodies of water.

"We've only had a few days of cold weather and the lakes and ponds just aren't ready yet. It's craziness to go out on them now because the ice is too thin."

He said he expects most lakes to be ready soon after the new year.

In an attempt to prevent more tragedies this year, the Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee (made up of six government ministries and members in the snowmobile industry) has stepped up an aggressive, safety awareness blitz, called Ride Safe, Ride Sober. The campaign includes instructional visits to schools across the province, radio and television advertisements warning snowmobilers to exercise caution and the distribution of information pamphlets on safety.

In a OSSC press release Thursday, Ontario Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation Anne Swarbrick strongly advised snowmobilers to stay off unmarked trails.

"Many lakes have not completely frozen over, leaving a thin layer of ice, too weak to support snowmobilers and their passengers. If you stay on recommended trails, you will reduce the risk of snowmobile accidents dramatically. If you travel off trail, you are taking a greater risk," Swarbrick said.

Local snowmobilers are advised to call the HCSA for lake and trail condition updates. They can get the information at 286-1722 or 286-6962.

Police news

Two charged in weekend b&e spree

A Toronto man and a young offender on the lam from a youth detention facility have been arrested in connection with a spree of cottage break-ins on KENNISIS Lake and in Stanhope last weekend.

A stolen car jammed full of stolen merchandise worth between \$3,000 to \$5,000 was seized at the time of the arrest.

A Minden OPP investigation into the Dec. 11 break and enters turned up evidence which led police to a suspect from Toronto. They had obtained a search warrant and were preparing to close in on the suspects last week, said Senior Const. Ron Buchanan.

However, they were spared the effort when on Wednesday, Aurora OPP coincidentally nabbed the man and the youth on Hwy 400 driving the stolen, green Honda car, which is believed to have been used in the KENNISIS Lake break-ins, said police.

At the time, Aurora OPP were unaware that the car-full of household property was stolen and had just been picked up from Haliburton County, where it had apparently been stashed by the thieves, police said.

Through an ironic set of circumstances, Minden OPP investigators learned of the suspects' arrest and had the Toronto man subsequently transferred to the jail in Lindsay, where he has been remanded in custody until his bail hearing today (Monday).

The suspect faces a slew of charges including impaired driving, possessing a stolen vehicle and stolen merchandise as well as breach of probation. The young offender was arrested for being unlawfully at large from an institution where he was jailed.

Police do not believe the arrests are related to the recent rash of break-ins in Lutterworth.

Police are hoping the owners of the stolen property come forward to claim their possessions. "The property seized relates to the cottage break-ins plus a whole lot more. We are extremely interested in finding out who is missing what," said Senior Const. Buchanan.

On Saturday, about half of the seized stolen possessions were identified and recovered by the owners of a recently-purchased Maple Lake cottage in Stanhope.

Hydro break-in nets thieves \$27,000

Thieves broke through a fence and ripped off more than \$25,000 in equipment from the Minden Ontario Hydro yard late Wednesday night.

A "substantial" amount of wire rolls and tires with an estimated value of \$27,000 was stolen, said police.

Police suspect a large Rider Rent-a-Truck — which was observed parked around 11 p.m. on Horseshoe Lake Road near Hwy 35 — was used in the robbery.

They are asking for anyone who may have seen the truck in the area that evening to call Minden OPP.

Flurry of accidents

Friday night's storm created dangerous driving conditions resulting in a number of car accidents last weekend.

No one was injured in two Friday evening collisions, but the driver of a transport truck received minor injuries when he skidded into a ditch off of Hwy 121 near Tory Hill.

There were two more accidents on Saturday, though no injuries occurred, said Minden OPP.



SNOW PATROLS: Paul Prentice of Prentice-Berry Ltd. hands over the keys to two brand new snowmobiles to Minden OPP Const. Mike Landry. The machines are being loaned to the OPP for winter patrols and will be returned come spring.

Exactly who do your kids think is the true saviour on Christmas?

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December 25th
Service of Holy Communion 11:00am

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December 24th
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Searching for new solutions

Not all issues are black and white, says warden Rabjohn

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When Ross Rabjohn was a school principal, his main job was finding innovative ways of teaching children with special needs. That meant searching for solutions to problems, rather than getting frustrated when the more tried-and-true approaches to education didn't work.

As the county's warden, he will use those same skills to help the county overcome the hardships imposed by dwindling provincial grants and a lingering recession.

"It's not a matter of A or B," the new warden says. "It's a matter of combining them into C or

D... People sometimes see things in black or white but by talking this through, we can achieve more."

The public has a role to play in finding solutions as well. The province is introducing new rules about open government and as a result, Rabjohn says voters will have to let politicians speak their minds about issues.

"If a ratepayer presents me with an idea, I have an obligation to put in on the table so all options can be sifted and weighed," he says. The important thing is to put forward all ideas so all viewpoints can be considered, rather than stay silent in hopes of not angering people who may not agree with those options.

So far, Rabjohn has been pleased that the local press sticks to the issues and doesn't get caught up in personalities. Councillors have to feel protected against unfair media attacks so they can be free to explore all sides of the issue. "If I'm not free to put an idea on the table and vote against it if it's found to be wanting, then decisions will be made over lunch or on street corners."

Rabjohn is accustomed to being pulled at from various directions. As an educator in the Hamilton area for 36 years, 20 of those as principal, he was often in the centre of the storm. "You had the Ministry of Education and the board and the parents and the

children and you're in the middle of this group when everyone's shooting arrows. It's a real balancing act."

That experience will come in handy as county council balances the demands of ratepayers to provide services while keeping tax increases to a minimum, at the same time the province is increasing the county's responsibility and providing less money.

The county must continue to consolidate services as recommended by the Wace Report on government efficiency. The personnel committee is doing much work in this regard, a challenging task when four unions are involved.

"The province has been quite upset with us for lagging behind... and we have major work to do right away."

County staff members must be acknowledged for their efforts in difficult times. Change is always stressful and the county is certainly undergoing some major changes.

Council is considering whether to take advantage of infrastructure funding and build a new county office and the debate will begin soon. There is also pressure to continue with an Official Plan, but with the uncertainty about the provincial government and planning laws, Rabjohn thinks it's better to wait for a while.

As to the economy, the Sherborne et al reeve says "people cannot look to government to provide jobs, which is different from creating them. We can create a climate in which private enterprise flourishes."

On a more personal note, Rabjohn has been coming to the Highlands since he was 13. He grew up on a farm just west of Toronto, where life was "on very



simple terms. My father was a man of few words. He handed you the pitchfork and pointed to the stable. He didn't have to say more."

But after the hard work there was time to play. "I remember coming up when I was 13. I was exempted from writing exams and my father brought me to Big Hawk Lake to go fishing. Since then, I've always had a love of the place."

After high school he attended what was then called Normal School. His two-week teaching placement was in the Minden area. Upon graduation, Rabjohn was offered a job by the Haliburton board of education but his wife Stephanie had her career as well and they still felt the lure of the city. Even though he accepted a job in Hamilton, as soon as possible the Rabjohns bought a cottage on Kawagama Lake so they could at least be here for part of the summer.

That was in 1950, when the

drive from Hamilton was five hours and they had to pack four spare tires to survive the journey. For 20 years Rabjohn was on the Kawagama property owners' association, acting as a lake steward before the term even existed. When he retired in 1987 they built their present home on Trading Bay in Dorset. Once the house was built he felt it was time to give something back to the community and became involved with the waste management committee. In 1991 outgoing reeve Don Shortreed talked him in to running for reeve of Sherborne et al and he was acclaimed. He was acclaimed again in the November elections.

After 44 years of owning property in the Highlands, Rabjohn feels a strong commitment to the future of the area. "I consider it a real honour to be warden," he told his fellow county councillors on Tuesday night, "and I will do the best I can for the Haliburton County I love so much."

Second time lucky for Sherborne reeve

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A new clerk-administrator was hired, as was a human resources manager who implemented the county's first health and safety manual and began work on keeping proper employee performance records. Her work at Hyland Crest has paid for her salary, he said, because there is now harmony in the county-owned home. Other staffing costs have been reduced, thanks in part to a new computer system.

"The bottom line truth is we need to accept quality and continuity," McMahon said. "A vote for McMahon is a vote for everything you've done over the past three years."

His goals for the next term include restructuring the roads department, supporting the decisions of the Acting Health Services Board "whatever they may be," supporting foresters in their fight against the removal of the managed forest tax rebate program, keeping an eye on the Ministry of Natural Resources' changes to fishing policies and inviting light industry to the area.

Rabjohn asked everyone to consider the demands being placed on county council.

Taxpayers want better roads, marketing of the area's charms, hospital care and jobs.

The province demands plans for the future, better health and safety practices and belt-tightening under the social contract.

Employees want their cost-cutting efforts to be recognized as they cope with the turmoil all these changes create.

And above all, there is the constant cry for government restraint.

"So what do we do?" asked Rabjohn, who called for "a leaner but not meaner county govern-

ment."

He wants to keep a positive outlook on the challenges facing the county. Otherwise, "when times are tough there's a tendency to start blaming someone." Also, people start defending their own corner without any consideration of the cost to others.

He believes the struggle is not about Minden or Haliburton or Dorset or wherever. "There is only Haliburton County. We cannot focus on small, local differences... Sherborne needs Haliburton County and Haliburton County needs Sherborne."

Council should grab the opportunities which are available with

a positive and cheerful attitude. Everyone should "address the issues and not the personalities."

County councillors were then given blank pieces of paper on which they wrote down their choice of warden. The votes were then privately counted by Clerk-Administrator Terry Noble and the county's new auditor. Anthon and Simmons were also asked to look over the votes to confirm the outcome before Rabjohn's success was announced.

McMahon gave him the robe of office, Rabjohn took the oath of office and then presented McMahon with a framed certificate in appreciation of McMahon's "outstanding leadership" over the past year.

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EDITORIAL

Let's get on with it

At Wednesday's meeting of the Acting Health Services Board, there was some discussion about the way newspapers will write about the hospital debate. To clear the air, here are a few guidelines about how the media works.

A reporter is not the secretary of the meeting. The secretary's job is basically to provide a brief synopsis of what was resolved. A reporter tries to capture the mood as well as the substance of the discussion that led to the resolution.

Because we are not secretaries, we do not have to have our stories approved by the board. Board members cannot make additions or deletions to the story before it becomes one of the official transcripts of what took place.

Newspapers are not public employees. We have a duty to inform the public, and in many cases we are beholden to what the public desires, but no one can tell us what our role should be. In the hospital debate, this creates awkward situations. For instance, this newspaper strongly believes that the healthcare reform must proceed. If the Echo were acting only in the best interests of the hospitals, we would not report on the half-hour debate on Ted Wilkes' motion to re-affirm a previous motion. As this editorial will soon state, the debate did not show the board in its best light. We wish the whole thing hadn't happened but the community will not be well served if the paper creates a pollyanna view of the meetings.

So while a secretary will record the motion was passed with a vote of seven yeas, one nay and four abstentions, here's what a newspaper will report:

- some board members felt like emotional hostages. They didn't want to vote for the motion because they thought it was redundant and a waste of time. They didn't want to vote against it in case that was seen as a rejection of the motion they were being asked to reaffirm
- there is a concern that the board's credibility is at stake if it continues to re-visit issues it has already addressed
- despite some board members' resentment of being forced into such a corner, the motion was not rescinded
- the motion does nothing tangible to alleviate Minden's fears. In fact, because of the disagreements, people might be a little more worried about the board's ability to actually get anything built

Mr. Wilkes said his motion would send a clear message that the board was unified behind its previous decision to consolidate acute care beds in Haliburton and provide five to seven stabilization beds at a Minden emergency unit which would be open 24-hours a day. However, earlier in the meeting, Ministry of Health officials gave their commitment to emergency care in Minden but added that the parameters will depend on a needs study and cost analysis. The board was therefore voting to re-affirm a motion that everyone acknowledged will need to be revised.

The public clearly knows the board can spend half an hour debating whether it approves of a motion approving what it had already approved. The next question is whether the board is getting on with its job of providing better healthcare facilities. After all, people are starting to get on with their job of raising money to pay for them.

Last week, the Echo phoned the board to ask a simple question. We're hosting a skatathon in Creighton Feir's memory. To show our support for a county-wide initiative, we want to ear-mark donations for the entire hospital project, which includes Minden. But 10 months after the board's formation, no fund has been established apart from the St. Joseph's Foundation. On December 29, we will have money to donate to what we took it upon ourselves to call the "Haliburton County Hospital Fund" and there's no one to give the money to. M.P.

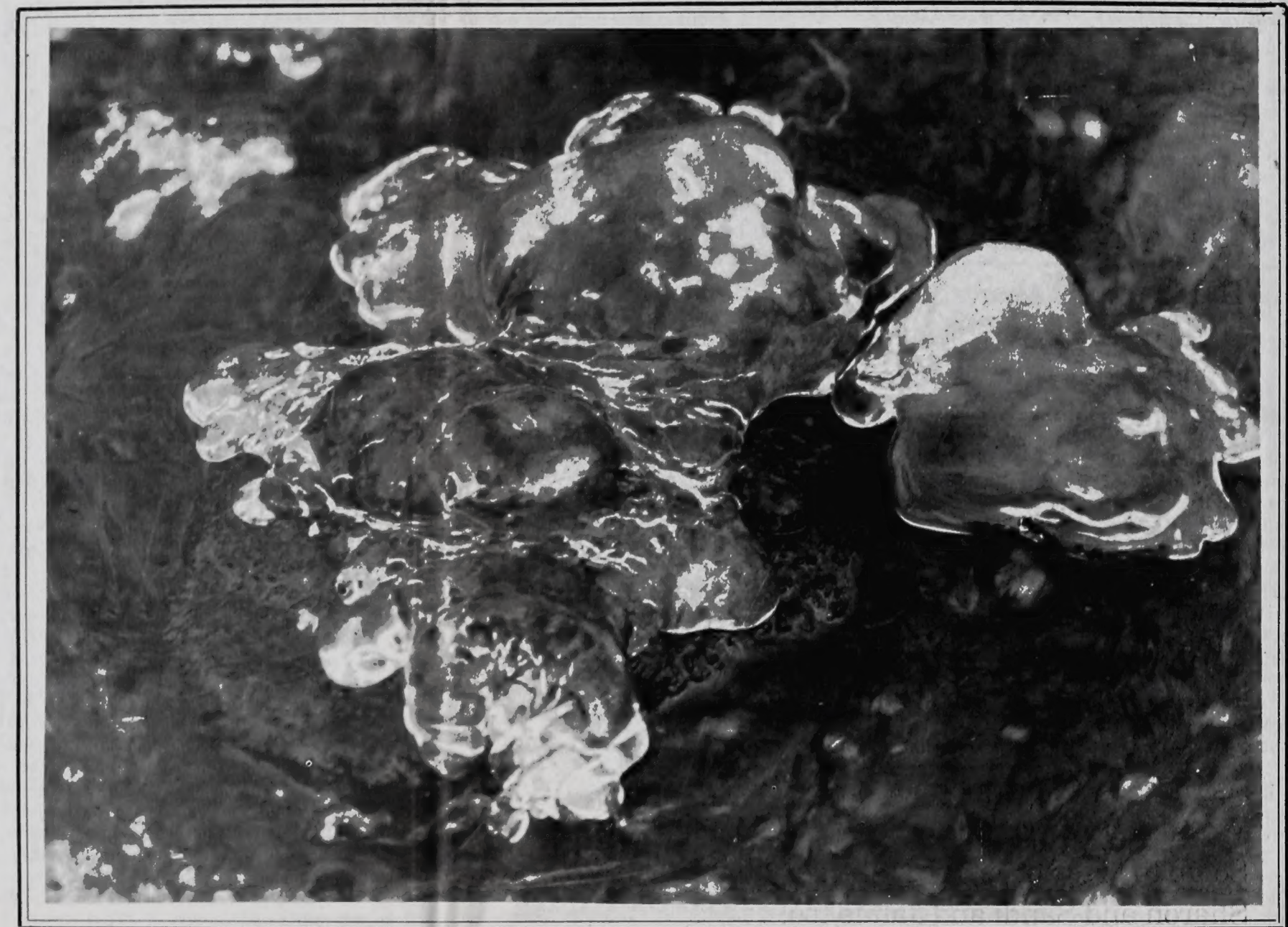


Photo by Len Pizze

Generosity shows meaning of Christmas

To the Editor from our Readers

To the Editor:

I want to share a Christmas story that took place in our community a few years ago.

It was close to Christmas, plans were made when I heard of a young woman with a baby who had no place to go for Christmas dinner. As I share this story with my co-workers trying to find a solution, one immediately spoke up saying she was welcome at her home - which is exactly what happened.

Thank you to the late Anne Schell for the beautiful gift of giving. This is, for me, the true meaning of Christmas in practice.

M. Mighton,
Haliburton

To the Editor:

With the holiday season around the corner, many of us find ourselves caught up in the spirit of goodwill and generosity. Admittedly, at other times of the year, we sometimes forget the struggles of daily life that take place in other corners of the world.

Those of us working in the field of international development have always been vocal about the importance of helping the poorest people in the world. In tough economic times, when it becomes easy to question foreign spending in the face of government cutbacks, we sometimes wonder if we are speaking in isolation. For that reason, it was encouraging to be reminded recently by the report of the Special Joint Committee reviewing Canadian Foreign Policy that Canadians do feel our development assistance programs are an important source of national pride.

When you really think about it, this should not come as a big surprise. Canada, for the past 50 years at a minimum, has built up a strong humanitarian reputation. On the international scene we are recognized as leaders in the area of human rights and humanitarian assistance. People like John Humphrey and Stephen Lewis come to mind for their efforts on these issues.

Caring for the welfare of others is often at the forefront of our minds, particularly at this time of year. The findings of the Canadian joint Committee on Foreign Policy Review remind us that at all times, Canadians continue to care about the welfare of other people and that they want to help when it is clear they can make a difference.

Please remember to send a donation to the organization of your choice.

John Martin,
Unitarian Service Committee (USC)
Canada

Christmas at Carnarvon

We are so blest to live in this country
When the Christmas bells do chime.
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And we have for a long, long time.
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Or soldiers breaking down our door
when we want to observe the season.
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And we can worship him anywhere
Always free and aboveboard.
We don't have to go and do battle
'Gainst some crazy dictator or creed,
We just have to keep up the struggle
Against sin and hate and greed.
No one will ask for an I.D. card
When we come to this gathering tonight,
Because everybody here knows everybody,
We're bathed in God's clear light.
So when you say your nightly prayers
Thank God for His goodness and grace
And especially thank our dear, dear Lord
That He lets us live in this place!
So deck the halls with boughs of Holly
And trim your Christmas tree
And celebrate the dear Lord's birth,
For He came to save you and me.

Written by Ev. Stata for Carnarvon's Zion
United Church Pot-Luck talent Christmas Party.

season's greetings

The business people of Haliburton County
extend their warmest wishes for the holidays.

Look for this special supplement
included in THE ECHO this week.

Boonieville

by
Charlie
Teljeur



'Twas THE DAY BEFORE TUESDAY

'Twas the day before Tuesday and all through the place,
We all started humming and setting the pace.

The ads are taken by Les & Laura with care,
And just how they do it we're still unaware.

Peter and Stephen recall what's been said,
We all keep working and beg to be fed!

And Kit in her kerchief and Len in his cap
Are there to remind us there's no time to nap.
When out on York Street there arose such a clatter
Martha sprang from her desk to see what was the matter.

Away to the window she flew like a flash
While Sandra and Debbie looked after the cash.

The moon on the crest of the new fallen snow
Made us think of muffins and pizza to go!

When what to her wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer

And Larry the driver and Bill his sidekick
Knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles the typesetting came
John whistled and sang and called them by name -

'Now 'Linus' and 'Lucy', on 'Tandy' and 'Mac',
If you're feeling peckish there's food in the back!"

To the very last headline, 'til page numbers are on,
Sometimes it feels like we're here until dawn!

As the copy's laid out and the photos are dry
We all start dreaming of corned beef on rye!

So up to press time, the staff they all flew
Sharon and Sandi and Jamie too!

And then in a twinkling, we heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As we called our last file and placed ads all around
Through the door St. Nick came in with a bound

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of ads he had in his pack

He's travelled to Minden and now he's back!

His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry

His cheeks were like roses - his nose like a cherry.

The deadline had past - the paper had to go

The road to the plant was knee deep in snow.

But the customers' orders he held tight in his fist

'Fit all of these in or you're off my list!"

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head

Soon gave us to know - the thing we all dread

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work

And filled all our 'in' trays - then turned with a jerk

And laying his finger aside of his nose

He headed back out and nearly froze

A few hours later, Len gave a great shout

"The paper is done - now let's get it out!"

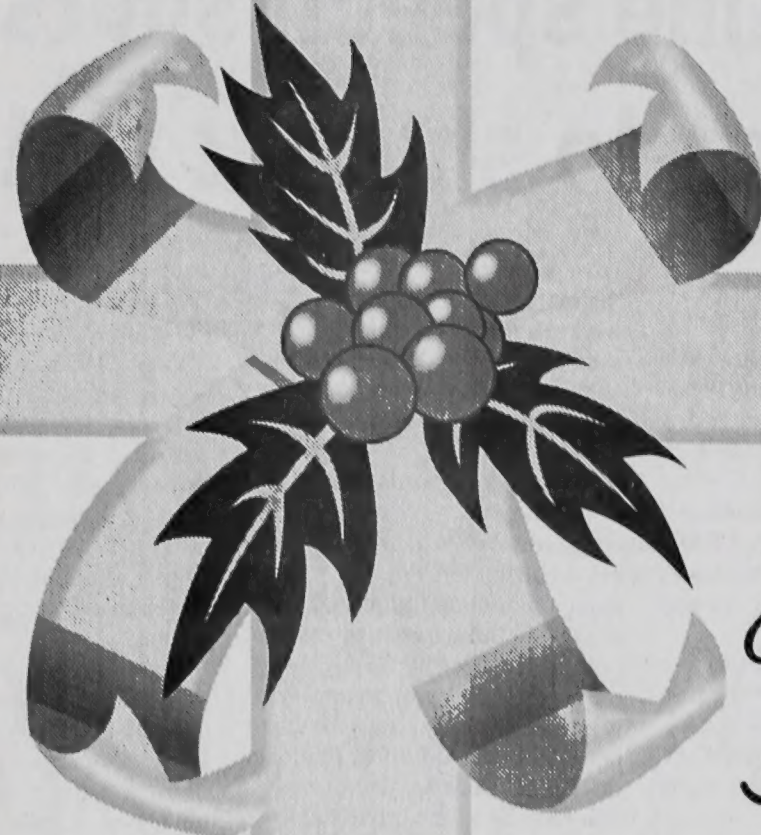
We heard him exclaim as the van pulled out of sight

"Happy reading to all - we hope it's all right!"

Merry Christmas !

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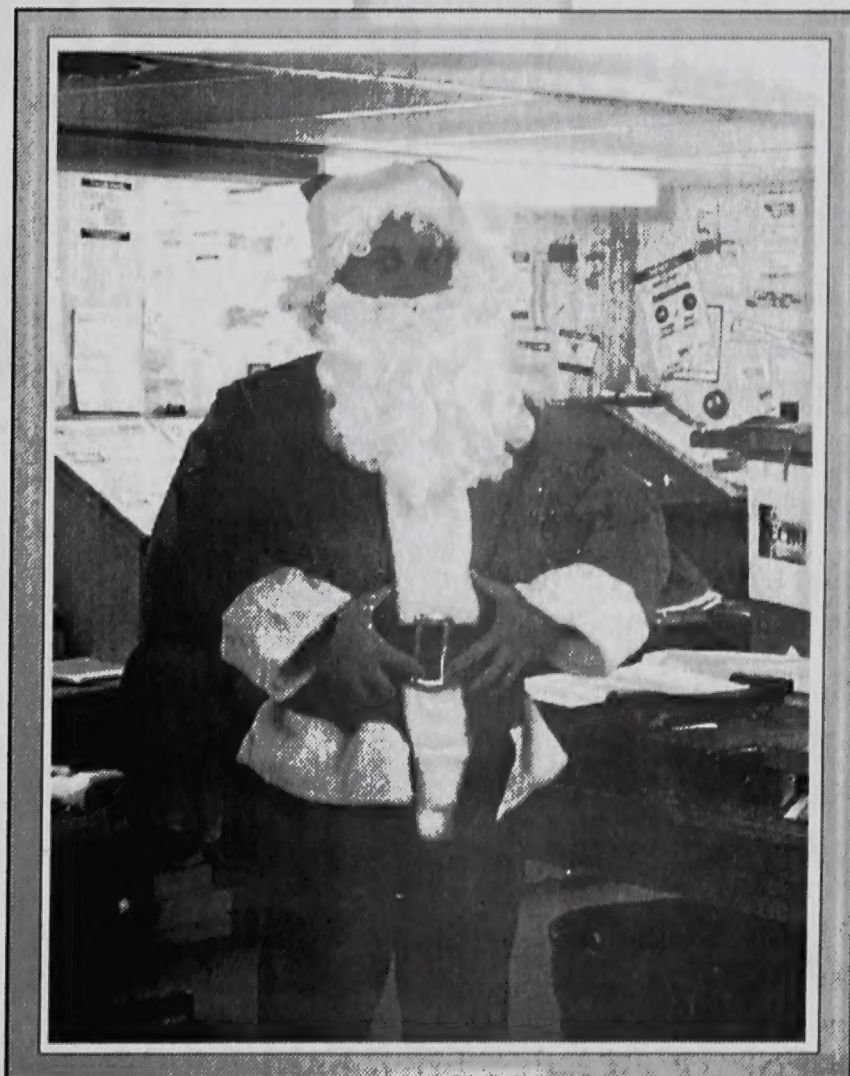
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Bill



Pre-game speech spurs on Redmen to shutout victory

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Redmen coach Ron Yake sent a message to his squad in the dressing room prior to Wednesday evening's game against I.E. Weldon.

And based on the 5-0 score and 54-shot barrage the club's offence supplied, the message seemed to get through loud and clear.

Despite the team's impressive seven wins and one loss before the game (they're now 8 and 1), Yake had verbally chastised the squad for a pattern of slow starts in recent games.

Wednesday he was looking for a fast start and a full three periods of solid play, and that's exactly what he received as the Redmen notched their eighth win and first shutout of the season.

"Before the game we gave the team a bit of a speech on how important it is to come out

strong, playing well right from the beginning of the game," Yake says of the pre-game talk. "It seemed to pay off because they came out really flying and moving puck well creating lots of scoring chances."

While the game remained scoreless after the first period, the Redmen clearly manhandled the opposition, which was spared from a more humbling final score thanks to the acrobatics of their goaltender.

Finally, just prior to the midway mark of the second, Redmen perseverance paid off in the form of a Josh Burk goal (set up by Bill Dovell) which broke the ice.

Weldon's goalie would soon thereafter succumb to the relentless flurry of Redmen offence as Mark Morissette exploded, notching a natural hat trick to close out the second period.

Yake said the return of two of the team's five recently injured players — Chris Eskelin and Josh

Burk — made a difference as the bench had been more than a little understaffed until Wednesday.

Yake also pointed to the key contribution of the club's foot soldiers. Role players such as John Henderson, Dan Pocklington, Josh Burk and Curtis Fielding, who are the unsung heroes of the team, have been a vital but often overlooked factor in the team's success this season.

They are the type of players, said Yake, who if they aren't noticed then they're doing there jobs. "These are the guys that don't get the recognition but a team needs those guys to win," he says. "If they score that's a bonus but they are just expected to go out there and finish checks and work hard."

Netminders Justin Rowden (two periods) and Brock Glendinning (one period) combined to earn the shutout, although overly tested they were not. They faced 20 shots and were steady in goal. "Nothing spectacular but they played solid," said Yake noting that "you have to make a few good saves to earn any shutout."

And though the defence protected their end of the ice well, this was a night clearly dominated by the Redmen offence. With 40 shots alone after the first two periods, Yake offered his compliments to the stand-up Weldon netminder. "He played really well. He had a little bit of luck with him but when you play well luck comes with it. The score would have been at least 10-0 if it wasn't for him."

Supplying the fifth goal along with Morissette's threesome (and an assist) and Burk's single was Jonathan Bishop. Jackie Morrison picked up three assists while Andrew McKelvey two.



A SCORING OPPORTUNITY: The Cannington net was a popular place to be on Saturday afternoon — if you were a member of Haliburton's second OMHA Atom team. The Atoms kept up the pressure during the hard-fought game and had to be content with a 2-2 tie.

Kawartha High School Hockey League

Standings as of Dec. 16

WEST DIVISION

TEAM	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	G For	G Against	Points
Haliburton	9	8	1	0	58	29	16
I. E. Weldon	9	3	5	1	30	34	7
Fenelon Falls	10	3	7	0	37	46	6

SCORING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	Goals	Assists	Points
Mark Stamp	Haliburton	16	16	32
Jonathan Bishop	Haliburton	9	12	21
Tracy Kelusky	Kenner	8	13	21
Brad Cumming	TASS	8	11	19
Scott Mahoney	Campbellford	8	10	18
Mark Morissette	Haliburton	8	8	16

Solid goaltending backs Bantams to championship win in Minden tournament

by BILL IRVINE

The Haliburton Bantam Huskies were in Minden on Saturday, Dec. 10th to take part in Minden's Bantam Tournament. The Huskies went up against Port Perry in the first game. (Port Perry had beaten the Huskies in overtime at the Haliburton tournament in November.) Port Perry got on the scoreboard first at 2:43 of the first period. The Huskies tied the score at 3:18 of the second period when Bill Dovell's perfect pass to Sean Irvine in

front of the net was slipped in under the keeper. There was no scoring in the third period in this tight checking match. Blaze Foster came up with some brilliant saves in the overtime to keep the Huskies in the game. Playing two on two, Josh Burk fed Bill Dovell, who broke into Port Perry's end of the rink. Bill's hard shot found pay dirt ending a well played game by both teams.

In the second game of the day, the Huskies went up against Manvers. Haliburton opened the scoring at 9:24 of the first when

Josh Burk's shot eluded the netminder. Bill Dovell picked p the assist. The Huskies went up 2-0 at 6:28 of the first, when Ian Clements slipped the puck in the net. Aaron Galbraith and Sean Irvine picked up assists on that play. Manvers cut the Huskies lead in half at 4:17 of the second. Manvers had a number of good scoring chances in the third, but Greg Schell was sharp in net, shutting the Manvers snipers down for a 2-1 win. Josh Dennis ("Fridge"), was awarded the

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Glen Sharpley

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A BIG EFFORT: The Haliburton Atoms #2 team came up with a unique way to raise money for their team. In November, they spent a day with their dads near Lake Kawagama cutting down trees for firewood. Now they've got 16 cords of firewood to raffle off. In this picture taken by Kim Emmerson, the team relaxes after their day of hard work.

Bantam Huskies, Monarchs tourney champs

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M.V.P. for his strong defensive play and punishing hits.

In the third and final game of the day, the Huskie went up against Coldwater for the "A" Championship. Steve St. Cyr opened the scoring, making some slick move on the Coldwater defense, then beating the net-keeper. Coldwater tied it up at 2:35 of the second with a hard

blast from the slot. The Huskies took the lead again at 8:26 of the third when Aaron Galbriath buried the puck past the goal posts, with Bill Dovell and Steve St. Cyr assisting on the tally. Blaze Foster was sharp in net and the Huskies played tight defensive hockey for the 2-1 victory and the "A" Championship. Steve St. Cyr was awarded the M.V.P. for his superb play. Congratulations to all the boys in

a fine team effort.

Also, congratulations to Minden for their 4-2 win over Cannington in the "B" Championship.

The Haliburton Bantam Huskies suffered a great loss, as did the whole community in the passing away of Anne Schell last weekend. She was a staunch supporter of minor hockey and a hockey mom and will be sorely missed by all.

Team cuts cord wood to cut down expenses

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

They may be playing in the minor league but the OMHA Atoms #2 are certainly in the major league when it comes to being workers.

To raise money for their team - which was recently bumped up to Ontario Minor Hockey Association status - the "additional entry team" spent a day chopping down trees which they are now raffling off as cord wood.

The tickets are over-sized because "a big effort" deserves "a big ticket."

"They were great," says organizer Greg Bishop, whose son Christopher plays on the team. "The men did all the cutting and the boys did all the loading. They had a riot."

Throughout the hockey season, costs can certainly add up. It was after a tournament in Ennismore in November that a group of parents decided they should come up with a unique way to raise money to pay for such things as tournament entry fees. They didn't want to sell things people didn't really want, such as chocolate bars, and someone mentioned firewood. Winters are long in the Highlands and you can either warm up by cheering on your favourite hockey team or sitting beside a roaring fire.

Bishop then mentioned that he had to clear a route for a hydro line near Kawagama Lake. The team could get the wood for free and Bishop had to cut down the trees anyway. Besides, many hands make light work.

The boys were eager to do their share. Being able to spend the day with their dads and driving around in four-wheelers were big incentives, too.

The work sharpened their appetites and at lunch, Ralph Gerry treated them to a barbecue lunch of hamburgers and sausage at the site. It didn't take long for everyone to work up a hunger

again and at dinner, the boys were treated to a potluck dinner cooked up by their moms. It truly was a team effort.

Kim Emmerson and Rod Roberts provided the trucks to take the wood back to town and now the Atoms have about 16 cords of wood which they are raffling off. If the winner doesn't want the wood, the team will sell the wood and give the winner \$500. They'll even deliver the wood for free anywhere within 60 km of Haliburton.

Tickets are available at several places in Haliburton, including the Echo office.

Bantams lengthen their winning streak

The Haliburton Bantam Huskies travelled to Cannington on Friday, December 9. The Huskies had a ten game winning streak and were looking to keep the streak going. Both teams scored late in the first period in a tight checking affair. The Huskies took a 2-1 lead into the dressing room after two periods of play. They came out in the third all pumped up, scoring five straight goals while keeping Cannington off the scoreboard.

Greg Schell was sharp in net, only allowing one goal. Bill Dovell was the sharp shooter in this match, scoring 4 goals and adding 1 assist. Steve St. Cyr chipped in with 2 goals and an assist. Jason Henry pocketed 1 goal. Andy Madill picked up 3 assists. Darol Sisson, Josh Dennis and Andy Burch picked up an assist each in the 7-1 win, upping their winning streak to eleven in a row.

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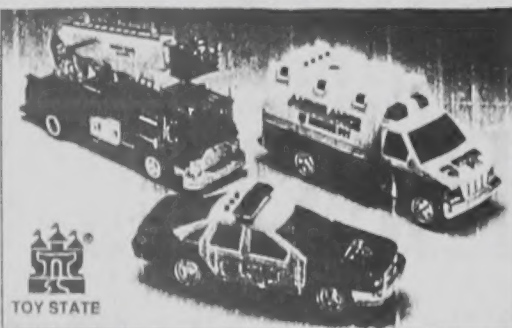
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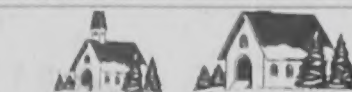
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Fans were thrilled to the bone with game one as Bancroft I.G.A. faced the Haliburton Hawks. The teams traded goals in the first, Rod Musclow for I.G.A. and Brian (Howie) Mulholland for the Hawks. It was tied at two after two; Dan Ambridge got one for the Hawks, Peter Palbiski nailed one for I.G.A. The Hawks poured it on in the third, netting four to I.G.A.'s one to win it 6-3. Derrell Stamp had two singles went to Rick Wood and Bob Woodcock. For I.G.A., Palbiski had the lone third period goal.

It was a cloudy day in Rainbow Country when the Auto Glassmen took on Glen Sharpley Sports in game two. The Sharpley Shooters' favorite number must be seven, for four weeks in a row they've scored seven in each game (seven is also Sharpley's number). This week was no exception, defeating the Rainbow's 7-1. Making the sky dark

for the Glassmen was Glen Sharpley with two, Phil Jung, Joe Roberts, Ivor Thompson, Keith McPherson and Chuck Clarkson all had one each. Mike Kavanaugh was the 'Bow' that ruined Miles Maughan's shutout. Sharpley's remained tied for first with the Haliburton Hawks, each with eight points.

Game three had all the suspense of a Hollywood thriller, as Apsley encountered Bancroft Canadian Tire. It was tied 1-1 after one with Alan Coulas finding net for C.T.C., Al Gronman responded for Apsley the second belonged to Canadian Tire, Coulas completed his hat trick to Roger Kellar got one. Bill Roter notched one for Apsley. The Apsleyites then started their third period comeback (which they've done a lot lately. Roter Tilled in two more and Phil Cooper had a loner, to give Apsley a 5-4 victory! Congrats to Apsley on their first win of the season!

You can bet your Aunt Millie game four was a dilly, with Clarkson Plumbers and Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The Plumbers Jim Winn had the only tally of the first. After two it was tied 2-2, Dan Curry for Clarkson, Royden Hawley and Ken Riley for the Ponders. Riley put the Ponders ahead in the last frame, but two late period goals by Curry sunk the Ponders 4-3! This was a physical contest as Luke Schell can attest!

The week before Christmas we have Apsley vs Rainbow at 6:30, C.T.C. vs. Sharpley at 7:40, Hawks vs Clarkson at 8:50 and Wilberforce and I.G.A. at 10:00. So get out to Wilberforce to catch some great hockey, where all teams are created equal!

Snowmobile safety program hits trails for a second year

North America's most comprehensive snowmobiling safety program goes into high gear with the launch of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) annual Sled Smart Safety Campaign. Entering its second year of operation, the \$500,000 program has succeeded in bringing together a diverse group of 41 sponsors and partners to support its life-saving mandate.

"Our Sled Smart Safety Campaign breaks new ground in international snowmobiling," comments OFSC Director of Programs and Services Rob Richardson. "It's the first time that a major snowmobiling association like the OFSC has developed and implemented a sustained, integrated and comprehensive snowmobiling safety program targeted to its own riders on the snow."

The innovative Sled Smart Safety Campaign includes many firsts. Last season's successful Sled Smart Safety Education Team got underway a month earlier this year and expanded to include four volunteer members, gearing up for fall high school presentations and snowmobile shows. As the snow flies, the Team, led by core members Steve Galang and Robin Royeton, will hit the trails on Bombardier and Yamaha sleds or trailer to events in a Toyota 4Runner to carry their hands-on safe snowmobiling message to riders throughout the province.

Other strategies support the Team's efforts. Six mobile safety billboards are travelling Ontario's main highways on the side of Fluke Transport trucks as a constant reminder to the snowmobiling public. Several hundred thousand safety placemats are being

distributed to high traffic trailside pitstops. More Ride Safe Ride Sober messages are appearing on thousands of trail markers and a 50,000 reprint of the "Family Guide to Responsible Snowmobiling" brochure has been sponsored by Molson's Steer Clear Program.

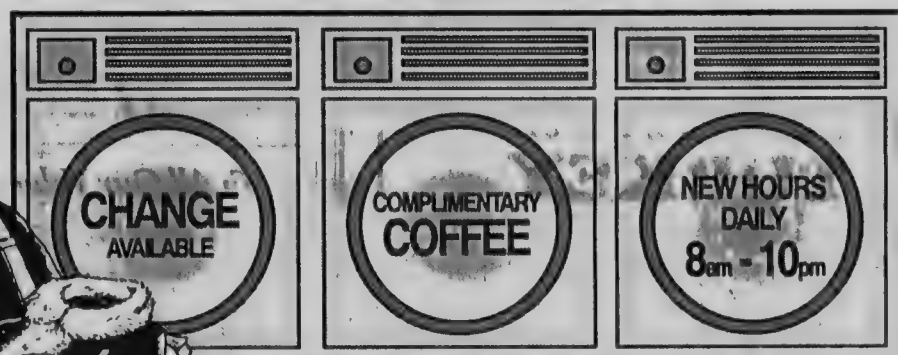
The media component of Sled Smart is the most extensive snowmobile safety campaign in North America. In addition to numerous PSA messages, copies

of the trendsetting safety video "No Second Chance" have been provided to Ontario's cable and television stations, along with 18 OFSC Sled Smart Safety Tips and two major safety contests. In partnership with the Intrepid Snowmobiler, a series of radio features are airing province-wide. Printmedia PSA's, articles and the popular Intrepid Snowmobiler column will all deliver the Sled Smart safety messages.



LINING UP FOR A SHOT: The action was end to end in Saturday's OMHA Atom #2 game against Cannington. Here, Christopher Bishop heads towards his rival's goal in hopes of putting his team ahead. The final score, however, remained 2-2.

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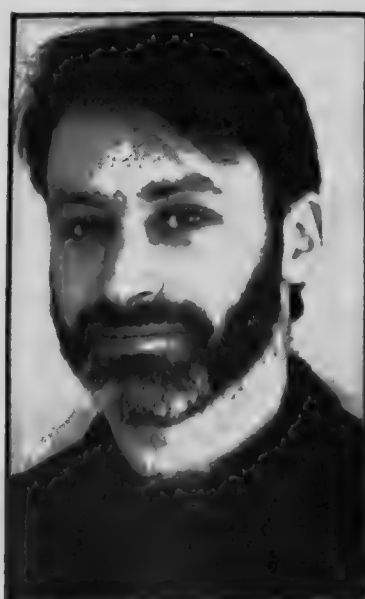
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New roads engineer for county brings experience from the Ministry

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor



Engineer Les Shepherd

Les Shepherd is looking forward to being involved with all aspects of the county's road system.

As the new county engineer, he'll be able to follow a road's route from its inception to its construction, and even its maintenance. That will be a welcome change from working at the Ministry of Transportation office in North Bay, where he only got to work on one aspect of a roads system at a time.

"With the MTO, it's a many step process," he says. "Different people do planning and design. Here it's one office that does everything and that's something I'm looking forward to. I'll be involved from the planning stage to when it's all built."

Apart from the personal satisfaction of working on a job from start to finish, Shepherd thinks "it's a system that has more opportunity to be flexible." If work begins and there's a hitch, then he will know what factors went into the original plans and how and why changes can be made.

"You know why all the decisions were made and the intent."

Shepherd is taking over from Dave Valentine, who accepted a job in south-western Ontario. He says he's "delighted" to get the job and is eager to start getting to know the area and his employees.

It's an opportune time to be starting a new job because the county is undergoing a review of how its various departments operate. To save money, the county wants to find ways of sharing resources and forging partnerships.

"I'm 100% behind these kinds of review," he says. "You should be doing it to some extent on an ongoing basis and with a new engineer, it sounds like the perfect time."

"We need to consider all options and end up with the one we can live with the best."

Ministry funding is also in a state of change and with his experience at the North Bay office and the contacts he developed there, he believes he can help guide the department through all of these changes.

No quick fix for fire coverage

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

People who want to see a change in the county's fire departments will have to hurry up and wait.

On Wednesday, the new county council agreed to carry on with the Fire Marshall's Office study of existing fire departments. A steering committee of two clerks, two fire chiefs and two county politicians had been established in the fall and was given permission to continue to search out better ways of providing fire coverage.

But that won't be a quick process. The committee has to analyze all the data that has been collected and establish a list of goals. Once these are ready, they must be presented and approved by council. Only then with a master fire plan be written and implemented.

That means people who want to see some changes will have to wait a little bit longer.

"Numerous things can be done at minimal cost for preservation of life and property," said fire Services Advisor Dave Carr at Wednesday's county council meeting. For instance, Dysart et al's fire department has launched a smoke alarm program to give people an inexpensive opportunity to make their homes safer.

Departments could share more resources, such as training videos. A committee will be formed so fire chiefs can get together to discuss common interests and concerns. "The more interaction we get between departments, the better it is for team building," the FMO official said.

Carr says it's important to continue with the work required to

bring 911 in the area. Before Bell Canada will consider starting the program here, all properties must be identified and numbered. Many lake associations have already completed the onerous task, but there is much work to be done. Minden is one of the few villages in the Highlands to have street numbers and there are also all the people living on back roads who have to be considered.

"It's going to be a big task and will take a lot of co-operation," Carr says. Suggestions on a uniform numbering system will be part of the steering committee's report but lake associations should probably not wait until the report is finished to begin work on a numbering system.

Right now, most municipalities

in Haliburton County have their own fire department and sign mutual aid agreements with their neighbours. However, not all property owners know which department covers their area and there is sometimes confusion if they call the wrong department. Many cottagers are so accustomed to using 911 that they're not aware of their fire department's phone number either. It can also be confusing when fire departments are called as the first response to accidents and non-fire emergencies.

Meanwhile, Stanhope wants a training program to provide its volunteer firefighters with the expertise they need to respond to ice and water emergencies. The previous Stanhope council told

its firefighters not to respond because there was a fear the municipality could be held liable should anything go wrong. But the new reeve, Jock Mavor, wants to honour his election commitment to make it possible for the firefighters to answer what they feel is a call to duty to help others in distress, on water or land.

"This is a new council with new thoughts," said Mavor. "Some firefighters say if an emergency occurs, they'll respond and if that's the case, let them do it with expertise."

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon says some of their firefighters are already taking the training and would be willing to share whatever information is available.



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Funding freeze means no more cuts at least

Municipalities say they are relieved the province has decided not to reduce their grants this year

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

The province's announcement last week to freeze funding to municipalities at their present levels brought a "sigh of relief" from local governments, hospitals and school officials.

All were bracing themselves for yet another round of funding cuts by the provincial government, but were spared from further financial hardship.

Some, however, are still remaining cautiously optimistic about the announcement.

Without a breakdown on how the provincial pie will be dispersed come spring, Haliburton County Board of Education Superintendent of Business Administration Jim Bradley remains "guardedly optimistic" about the news.

"On the surface it is good news that it hasn't gone down... but that doesn't mean that the individual split to municipalities won't change and I'm more concerned about what happens to our section of the pie," said a cau-

tious Bradley. "I will be much more optimistic once I see how it shakes down to Haliburton County and if it is the same as last year."

In the past five years provincial grants to the county's Board of Education have dwindled from \$4.4-million in 1990 to the \$2.8-million level of 1994, a cut of \$1.6 million. At the same time student enrollment in the county has climbed 16 per cent from 2038 to 2342.

Bradley said he doesn't foresee any budget difficulties in the coming year if funding to the Board of Education remains at the status quo. "If that is the case then I think we will be in good shape with our budget."

Like others municipal politicians, Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor was preparing for another round of funding cuts. "I'm grateful there wasn't a decrease because I was concerned there would be."

While he has yet to examine the "nitty-gritty" aspects of the township's financial affairs, Mavor

said he is optimistic about next year's budget. "I haven't seen all the figures yet and there are too many unknown quantities to make any concrete predictions... but I think we'll be able to work around things."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearry said that while disappointed there was no funding increase to municipalities, with the current state of government finances "this is the way it is going to be for a while."

Fearry said that with the normal annual rate of inflation, a freeze on municipal grants is similar to a decrease. Municipal governments, he says, will have to continue in the new year looking at new ways to maximize every dollar.

"There is inflation going on so in a way it is a cut," he says. "We just can't do as many things. We'll have to be more efficient to do the same amount of programs as last year."

Both Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon and Glamorgan Reeve Elva Bates also expressed relief that muni-

palities were spared further funding cuts.

Bates said local governments are beginning to accept "that we can't expect anymore increases in funding."

She was unable to forecast how the freeze in funding will have an impact next year's Glamorgan budget as the new council has yet to begin financial planning.

With a continuous slide in the amount of provincial grants the last few years, Anthon says balancing budgets while upholding municipal services "has become a real struggle."

"I think most were fearing there would be further cuts and we were rather concerned. It has become much more challenging to meet those cuts while costs

continue to rise. So there is a sense of relief," she said.

Ontario Finance Minister Floyd Laughtren recently announced that the \$7.28-billion allocated last year for Ontario's 221 hospitals will also remain at the same level for the next two years.

Lynne Johnston, interim director of Haliburton and Minden Hospitals, also says the announcement was welcomed "because the news could have been a lot worse."

Hospital administrators were expecting the worst and as a decrease in funding was anticipated. With both the Haliburton and Minden hospitals already operating at a running deficit of more than \$140,000 combined (Haliburton is at \$62,000 while

Minden is at \$79,800 for the first six months of the fiscal year), Johnston said the freeze in funding levels "won't make any difference. It certainly isn't going to help us or make things any better but it won't make things any worse."

"We were actually relieved that at least (funding) will stay the same because it would have been devastating if they had cut it."

The running deficit has already led to the announcement of bed closures and Johnston said measures have been taken to cut costs wherever possible. "We've nickle and dimed costs as much as we can and we just can't relieve the deficit. We'll just try to make the best of the situation but (the grant level freeze) isn't going to help us."

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Course makes sense of computer world

by KAREN NIMIGON
Special to The Echo

The saying is that opportunity only knocks once. For the fall Micro-Computer Employment Skills Program class of '94, opportunity knocked twice. Returning to school, was a chance of a lifetime. The computer world can be very intimidating, but a little knowledge is a powerful weapon.

After the actual registration, attending the first day was probably the hardest thing to do. Knowing that Sheila Stackhouse was the instructor made it so much easier. Her reputation precedes her. Even if you have never attended one of her courses, you

have heard of her astounding teaching abilities, (which in the duration of the course were put to the test many times.) Her comments of "Fan please" always brought a laugh and diffused any tension someone may have been feeling.

Starting off with Intro to Computers, the course gave us the opportunity to learn all the computer "jargon". CPU and Motherboard were two that we could define in our sleep and on many tests. Then it was the dreaded "DOS" which, until this course, we really had no idea what it was, but we knew it was hard.

Next on the program was Windows. Here we learned that

this wasn't something we took out through. Alison Logan was our instructor and though very English in actions, she showed us quickly and easily what was what and how user friendly all "Windows Programs" are.

Business Communications enabled us to have Sheila #2 (Whiting) as an instructor. We were soon to learn not to let her near these computers. Why?? Well it was never proven but we had heard, she was not "Compute Friendly".

"Warm fuzzies" were distributed to the class as "stress relievers" but were soon to become our daily entertainment (especially Carol and Mike's).

WordPerfect Intro and



THE GRADUATES: Students who recently completed Sir Sandford Fleming College's Micro-Computer Employment Skills Course include: (back, from left) instructor Sheila Whiting, instructor Alison Logan, Sheila Rowell, instructor Sheila Stackhouse, Sandy Patenaude, Pam Moore, Shelly Hunter, Liz Bruinenberg, (third row, from left) Marilou Mizzan, Crystal Bain, Karen Nimigon, Adine Adams, Susan Gibb, (second row, from left) Tammy Dovell, Susan Daponte, Carol Lindsay, Angela Brown, (front row, from left) Jason Feero, Rick Stanley, Michael Brodhagen, Jr. and Michael Brodhagen, Sr.

Intermediate were our next challenges. It is hard to imagine how much knowledge our brains absorbed from this program. Nine modules later and we were still hungry for more. An addiction for computers was becoming apparent. Students staying late, working on lunch hours! After this part of the course, students were very competent in word processing programs.

Customer Service and Resumes brought Sheila #2 back into our lives. Her quick wit and personality made this part of the course so enjoyable, it was hard to remember that this was school. A lot of class bonding was accomplished in this part of the course. We'll always remember Willy Widget's

"Thank-you for your deposit!" Service scenarios and interviews enabled us to learn and appreciate many facets of each other. The class came away anxious to return to the Computer room but appreciative of the knowledge we had acquired.

Lotus 1-2-3 (a great program for someone who isn't a numbers person) was followed by 40 hours of Q & A.

With only two weeks left, we approached the last two courses (manual book keeping and Accpac) with excitement and trepidation. Would we have enough time to finish everything? Would we be knowledgeable

enough to find a computer-oriented job? Would we retain all that we had learned? Some classmates have found jobs because of this course. Other classmates, who thirst for more knowledge will be coming back in the spring, to take an advanced computer course.

In the final minutes of class, a feeling of accomplishment prevails. The Class of '94 anxiously await their MESP certificates. A lot of hard work and dedication went into making it all possible, both by the students, instructors and behind the scenes personnel. Thank you from the tips of our computer fingers to the bottom of our hearts.



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Victoria St. kids go to JDHES to meet buddies, see school

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Sharing and caring for others is just as important a study lesson for elementary students as any of the traditional academic subjects such as math, science or geography.

With that in mind, the Grade 6 class at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, led by teacher Diane Dawson, received a valuable course in human compassion Friday.

Victoria St. Public School kindergarten class bussed to their future educational home at J. Douglas Hodgson on Friday morning for a 'Meet Your Buddie Day'.

The morning involved the pairing together of Grade 6 students with their wide-eyed, younger counterparts in an effort to take the fear and intimidation out of the future J.D.H. students, and to take the Grade 6s back to their Victoria Street roots.

Victoria St. kindergarten teacher Pat Burke said the event gives her group of 18 an opportunity to become acquainted with their future school. "When they get to the 'BIG' school they will feel more comfortable because they will have already been here before and they will have seen how it operates."

She also said that the aspect of instilling a caring code of behaviour in the Grade 6s should not be overlooked in today's classrooms.

J.D.H. Grade 6 teacher Diane Dawson believes that since most, if not all, of her pupils came from the Victoria St. School originally, "it is important to get them to reconnect back to their roots and to remember where they came

from.

"It's also a way of getting them to be responsible citizens because we teach about peer pressure and values in Grade 6."

Dawson's group of 28 students

jumped at the opportunity to make new friends. In fact, they planned and organized the whole event through bringing in crafts to work on and preparing snacks to nosh on.



FORGING NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Grade 6 students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School welcomed Victoria St. Public School Kindergarten students into their class and their hearts Friday for a 'Meet Your Buddie' Day. Above — Sara Dickenson, from the Victoria St. Public school Kindergarten class, peers out from between her new 'buddies' Shawna Curry and Kelly Dawson, both grade six students from J. Douglas Hodgson. Left — Rafiq Shivji (left) colours a picture along with his new found friend grade six student David Stevenson.

Group trying to gauge interest in credit union

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A recently formed committee is trying to determine if there are enough interested people in the county to create a credit union as an alternative to existing banking facilities.

But interest isn't the only thing they will need.

A member of the committee says it will take \$500,000 in capital to get the credit union up and running.

To raise that kind of money, the

committee will need to attract at least 400 initial investors, said Andy Campbell, general manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and a member of the new Haliburton County Credit Union Committee.

The basic cost of membership would be \$100. But even if the committee could attract 400 people, that would only raise \$40,000, so some of the members would have to invest more into the credit union, said Campbell.

Those who buy preferred shares are paid annual dividends which

are tied to the federal government's prime rate.

Currently, the province is revising its credit union act, which will affect the share structures and various levels of returns, said Campbell. The revisions are scheduled to be completed some time in the new year.

But before the committee has to worry about how much members of the credit union would have to invest, it has to see if there are enough interested people in the county to make the venture feasible, Campbell said.

The credit union committee is circulating a questionnaire in an effort to find out if people are interested in the general concept of a credit union, would like to make an investment or would be interested in attending a public meeting to hear more about credit unions.

One of the main benefits of a credit union is that all of the money that goes into it, as well as all the money that would be lent to members, stays within the community, said Campbell.

A locally run credit union also

means that financial decisions would be made by people who live and work in the community, not bankers in far away cities, he said.

Anyone interested in finding out more about how a credit union operates can call Andy Campbell at the Haliburton County Development Corporation at 457-3555 or attend the next meeting of the Haliburton County Credit Union Committee on January 17 at the Haliburton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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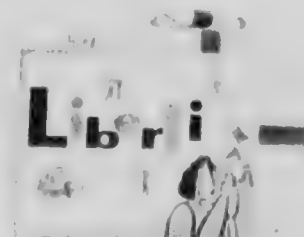


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Ready to answer the call:

Glamorgan's Junior Firefighters learn how they can help out

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

Should the members of the Glamorgan Fire Department unexpectedly fall ill one week, residents can rest assured that they are still in good hands — much smaller hands maybe, but almost as capable.

On the third Friday of each month, a handful of dedicated members of the Glamorgan Junior Firefighters Club can be found hard at work at the Gooderham Fire Hall.

Trained in operating all aspects of the fire truck and emergency response vehicle equipment — from the hoses to the ladders — and educated in various first aid and safety methods, the future smoke-eaters of Glamorgan Township are already waiting in the wings.

Dale Dovell, Glamorgan Fire Department deputy-chief, said the idea behind the group is to have fun, and at the same time prepare tomorrow's firefighters for the passing of the torch.

"The hope is that they will eventually grow into the

department and join," Dovell said. "They really seem to enjoy it and they learn things they can apply to real life experiences."

Established in the mid-eighties, the club consists of a small but devoted group of six to 16-year-olds.

In addition to their participation in parades and community events, the Junior Firefighters have also undertaken a major role in the safety preparations for the annual Horseshoe Days Demolition Derby.

With the assistance of a senior firefighter, they laid out and set up the hoses and safety equipment around the demolition pit this year.

The club raised enough money through selling pop and snacks at the event to purchase firefighter's jackets, which they were presented with Friday evening at the Club's Christmas party.

In recognition of his "commitment and dedication" to the program, nine-year-old Mitchell Clarkson, a three-year veteran of the Junior Firefighters, was presented with the Junior Firefighter of the Year award Friday night.

Mitchell said that the club is a wonderful learning experience which could very well come in handy one day down the road as a volunteer firefighter for the township.

The experience and education he has gained, said his father Brent Clarkson, has already been put to use in a number of real life emergency situations. "I came upon an accident scene two years ago and he was able to light the flares and put them by the side of the road," said Brent Clarkson.

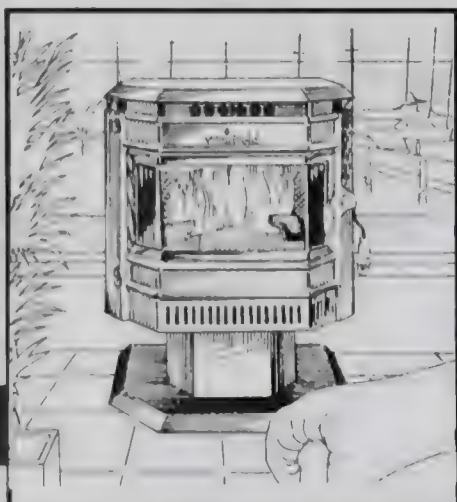


FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS?: The Glamorgan Junior Firefighters Club from left to right are Mitchell Clarkson (in truck), Adam Clarkson, Robert Greenwood, Stanley Cheong, Linda Cheong and Ryan Bates (absent is Tom Bates). At far left is Glamorgan Fire Department Deputy-Chief Dale Dovell and far right is Brent Clarkson.



Jr. Firefighter of the Year Mitchell Clarkson

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IN THE 125 YEARS since the first house was built in Eagle Lake, many things have come to pass. Amateur historian Ruth Still has captured the essence of the community's early years in her new book...

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IT IS WITH AN ARTIST'S EYE that Ruth Still views Eagle Lake. She can see the obvious — the people, the buildings, the natural beauty of the lakes and forests — but she can also see what's in the shadows. She knows there are times when the sun sparkles down on our lives, but she is not afraid of the times when we are caught under the shade of events we cannot control.

If she was a painter, she'd be an impressionist. But since she is an amateur historian, she has to content herself with writing a book that is honest about the history of Eagle Lake, but also respectful of the descendants who continue to live in the area today.

"The first premise is don't hurt anyone living," says Mrs. Still on the eve of the publication of her first book, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*.

For instance, in the days before Ontario's drinking laws became "more realistic", it wasn't uncommon to come across stills in the backwoods of Eagle Lake. In her book, Mrs. Still talks about the bootlegging but she doesn't name the people who spent all those quiet hours in the bush. "You tell the facts and let people draw their own conclusions."

The book is a cross between Nila Reynolds' *In Quest of Yesterday*, which is infused with a passion for people's lives, and Leo Dobrzensky's *Fragment of a Dream*, which relies on documentation to trace the lives of Dysart's early settlers.

Mrs. Still borrowed the title from the Bible, which is appropriate for a book about a strongly religious community. "I wanted something enigmatic, something that had to do with the past but portent of the future. The phrase 'in the fullness of time' has some moral, some religious background. 'In the fullness of time these things will come to pass.'"

It was a massive task for the retired music teacher. Not only did she have to find second references to stories told to her by many of the village's early inhabitants, but she also had to hunt for any documents which referred to the small village on the shores of a lake that shares its name.

The book is 208 pages with photographs, and 2,000 copies are being published by F.P. Comrie Productions in Peterborough. Mrs. Still is paying the initial printing costs herself and once those printing costs are reimbursed, the Eagle Lake Women will get the remainder of the proceeds to spend on community projects.

By happy coincidence, the book is being published on the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the village's first white settlers. Members of the Algonquin tribe had previously camped in the

area, most likely near the airstrip between Moose and Eagle Lakes, but there were no permanent dwellings until 1869.

Mrs. Still even dug far below the surface to discover the geological origins of the area. Eagle Lake runs along a dolomite ridge which was once the shoreline of a vast ocean. Dolomite is the bodies of crustaceans and the ridge survived the crushing withdrawal of the glaciers. Behind Mrs. Still's house is the almost-circular Kettle Lake, which is a melted chunk of ice left behind.

However, there's nothing in the area's geology which suggests that eagles once made the village their home. Hawks maybe, but an ornithologist contacted by Mrs. Still doubts that eagles ever lived in the area. The village was originally called East Guilford but Mrs. Still thinks the settlers rejected the link with England. Instead, she believes the village borrowed the name from the Eagle band of Indians who camped along the lake's shores.

"The chief was named Buckquaquet. He was one of the signers of the Crawford Treaty in the early 1800s by which the land — it was really taken from the Indians, let's be honest."

Settlement was made possible because of Mossom Boyd's cadging road to the lumber camps. The village was first built higher on the hill, closer to the present-day ski slopes than the congregation of houses in the valley, where the first house was built in 1904 by Thomas Preston. The first school was built in 1872 but by the 1920s, only three children were enrolled.

Mrs. Still won't romanticize how the settlers had to put up with many hardships to be able to stay in the area. The land is no good for farming and by 1935, the forests had been denuded of nearly every tree.

"Life was very rough," she says. "A tree or a rock was an obstacle to earning a living. You didn't have time to stand and contemplate the beauty of the area. You can't eat beauty."

A small measure of economic prosperity came in 1933, when the International Cooperage set up its factory on the south shore of Eagle Lake. It was the Depression and the Cooperage was one of the few places in the Highlands which was hiring. The men made the headings for barrels, the flat tops and bottoms. The slates were made in Wiarton and the barrels were assembled there. (International Cooperage, which is now called Greif Containers, closed in 1953 but the company still owns 5,000 acres which have yet to be developed.)

Jobs were then created by the dolomite company, which the Bolenders brought to Eagle Lake after they ran out of dolomite in Haliburton. When the dolomite was being blasted, tiny chunks of rock rained down on the village, which was sometimes covered in a fine white dust. Given today's environmental laws,

Mrs. Still doesn't believe the mine is economically feasible — the present owners owe thousands of dollars in property taxes — but she has dreams for the property. "I could see... moonlight on the glistening rocks, a theatre, another Woodstock, all sorts of possibilities."

But Mrs. Still credits two families for the vil-

lage's relatively prosperity today: Sir Sam Hughes and the Bishops.

Sir Sam Hughes discovered the area during his electioneering as MP for Victoria-Haliburton. As the Minister of Militia during World War I, he was often in the news, and not always por-

Please turn to page 18



In 1919, Sir Sam Hughes built a baronial-style hunting lodge on the shores of Eagle Lake. The flamboyant Minister of Militia, pictured at right, was the first to see the area's potential as "get-away country." The lodge eventually became Sir Sam's Inn, helping to further develop the area's tourism potential



Sir Samuel Hughes

DESPITE EARLY POVERTY, EAGLE LAKE'S FORESTS HELP IT PROSPER

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trayed in a complimentary light. But at his baronial-style hunting lodge built on the shores of Eagle Lake, he could find peace and serenity. He'd take the train to Haliburton village and Sam Watt would be there with a horse and cutter to take him to Sir Sam's summer home, which he called Glen Eagle.

"It became his spiritual home," says Mrs. Still, who had fun writing about this flamboyant figure in both Canada's and Eagle Lake's past. Unfortunately, it wasn't long after Glen Eagle was constructed in 1919 that Sir Sam died. His family kept the property until 1945.

A few years after that, the Bob Bishop family arrived on the scene from Niagara Falls. Bob Jr. wanted to put down roots. He first owned the Highlands Hotel in Haliburton, where he met a guest who was in the area surveying for potential sites for ski slopes. This seemed like a good idea to Mr. Bishop, who first opened a slope near Extendercare in Haliburton. It was facing south, however, and therefore had a rather short season. When the site at Eagle Lake was found to be ideal, Mr. Bishop lost little time in developing both the hill and the surrounding property once owned by Sir Sam. Glen Eagle Resort was turned into Sir Sam's Inn and the rest of Sir Sam's 2,000 acres were subdivided for cottages and chalets.

"He deserves a lot of credit," says Mrs. Still. "Eagle Lake was always a poor community and it was Sam Hughes and Bob Bishop who raised it from anonymity into a provincial name."

But credit must go to another instrumental

group in the community - the Eagle Lake Women. While the men were in the bush or working at the Cooperage, they were sewing together the social fabric of the community to make sure it would keep the inhabitants safe and warm. When they needed a new school, the women raised the money and the men donated the labour. When the students needed vitamins, the women provided them. They are the life force behind the Eagle Lake Community Church, which is revitalizing itself by reaching out to the village's children.

Even today, the Eagle Lake Women are extremely active in the community. Through their efforts, Eagle Lake has earned the distinction of being the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario. The rhubarb cookbook is in its third printing and proceeds from the annual rhubarb festival are being spent on community projects and young people. Their latest purchase was a streetlight on Still Road so the children could have a safe place to play pick-up hockey at night.

It was also in part the Eagle Lake Women who attracted Mrs. Still to the area. She had grown up in southern Ontario but she and her husband Charles were living and working in a small town in Quebec. In 1973, she bought 113 acres in Eagle Lake so they would have a place to escape to in the summers.

"My husband called it Ruth's Swamp Beyond the Arctic Circle," she laughs. Owning the property was her idea and so he left her with all the arrangements of turning it into a summer retreat. In the winter of '73 she had a Viceroy home built and being "long on nervous energy and short on cash" she had to find ways to furnish it.



The International Cooperage had an outdoor "hot pond" in which it would thaw the ice out of logs. One day a moose decided it was a good place for a bath. Here the moose heads back into the forest

She took a course on recaning and bought old furniture which she refinished after teaching music all day. When she had a truck full of furniture, she'd drive to Eagle Lake and back on a weekend.

The plan was for them both to retire here. But just a few months before her retirement in 1982, her husband died. Rather than change her plans, she did what everyone said was the worst thing for a newly-retired, newly widowed woman to do - she packed up all her belongings and moved to Eagle Lake.

Her summers in the Highlands had made her feel that everything would work out all right. As she sat in the Eagle Lake Community Church, she'd look around at her fellow parishioners and think "these women will be my friends. I can go to their meetings, I'll get to know people and have a circle of friends. It will be my community and my home."

Twelve years later, Mrs. Still knows she was right and "I like to think I have given as much as I have taken."

The Eagle Lake Women provide the base in her life from which she can spring to all her

other interests. It was at an Eagle Lake Women's meeting in 1991 that Rene Roberts suggested that Mrs. Still would be the perfect person to write a history of the village.

Why ask a relative newcomer to write the book? "When you come into a place, you're more curious than people who were born here and take it for granted. Also, you don't have the biases and you can look at things more objectively."

There is perhaps no one better able to look at Eagle Lake and see all the things which have made it prosper and survive despite endless setbacks and tribulations. Ruth Still has settled her heart in the village and she knows why it has become such a special place in her life. She has the ability to share that wisdom with others so that they too will realize why Eagle Lake is a village whose time has come to be recognized.

In the Fullness of Time is available at several locations beginning this week. The price is \$17.95. Eagle Lake Food Town is hosting a book signing with Mrs. Still on December 23 and 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

In the midst of the Depression, the Cooperage was one of the few places to be hiring. Wives of the men who made the barrel ends maintained the social fabric of the village. This early view is of the road leading to the Cooperage



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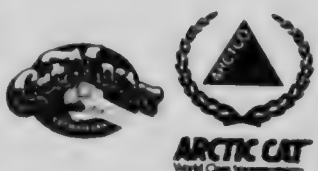
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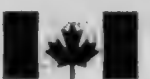
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An exchange in scenery:

From sandy Mexico to sub-zero Ontario

by STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Reporter

FROM THE SANDY, golden beaches and the hot, blazing sun of exotic central Mexico to the sub-zero, snowcovered tundra of central Ontario...

While most North Americans are booking plans to flee the Arctic-like winter conditions and escape to more tropical climates, Mexican exchange student Roberto Guerra has travelled from the top end of the thermometer to the bottom.

As part of the World Heritage exchange program, the 17 year-old Grade 11 student (really Grade 12 in the Mexican school system) is spending the academic year at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Growing up in the small, central Mexico town of Guanajuato (population 8,000), Guerra arrived in Haliburton in August. He said that the three months he's had to adjust has helped him get past the usual period of culture shock most newcomers to the county feel for the first little while. "At first it was pretty difficult being at a new school with new friends and a new life but now I'm feeling a lot more comfortable."

Like his native hometown, Haliburton is small community. However, it is there that any comparison ends. "In Mexico everything is totally different. The food, the schools and the houses and roads even. Back home there are so many houses all very close together and there are no paved roads, they are all stones and rocks."

And though he said he occasionally yearns for his hometown friends and food, Roberto is quickly discovering what the Canadian way of life through a teenager's eyes is all about: fast food, ice hockey and shopping malls.

Fulfilling his hometown food fantasy cravings are hamburgers and french fries, which his taste buds have quickly grown accustomed to. "I really love the Canadian food. It is much lighter than Mexican food."

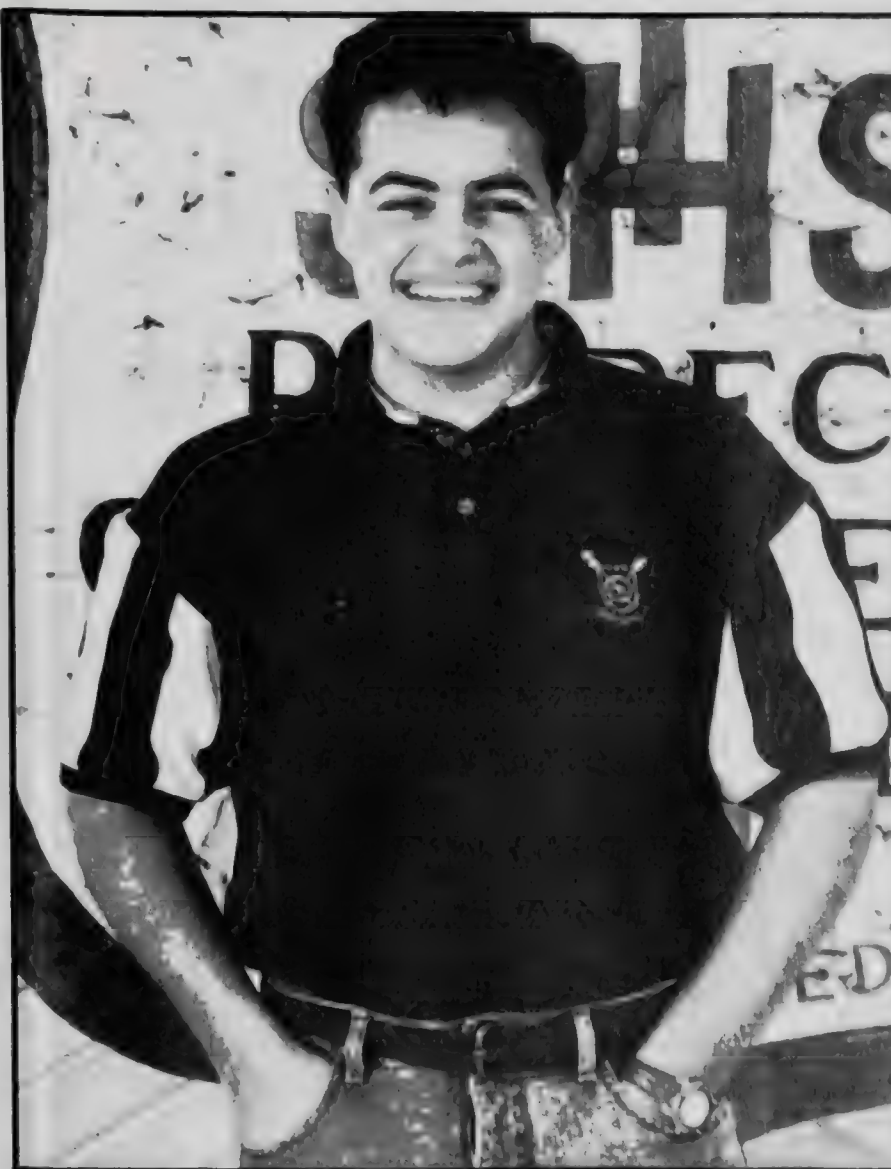
During his adventures in Toronto last summer, which included a visit to the C.N. Tower, the shy Roberto's eyes lit up in awe at the sight of the

glitzy, maze-like shopping malls he wandered through.

As a goaltender for the school soccer team this season, he said he is now looking forward to learning winter sports like skiing and hockey — he said he's become a devoted fan of the Redmen and appears ready to convert to the Canadian non-denominational religion that is the sport of ice hockey.

On the subject of frozen water, Roberto said that the recent sight from his math class of the first snowfall of the year — for him the first in his lifetime — was "pretty neat."

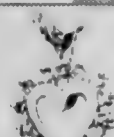
While he is still adapting to the day-to-day below-zero temperatures, Roberto said he can't seem to get out of the tropical mentality he's accustomed to. "Usually I'll be sitting in front of the television with only a T-shirt on while everyone else is wearing sweaters," he says of life with his adopted family for the year, Halimar Lodge owners Jurgen and Angela Haedicke.



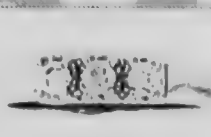
Mexican high school exchange student Roberto Guerra is quickly adapting to a change in school surroundings and temperatures.



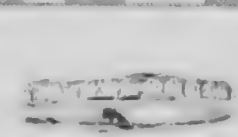
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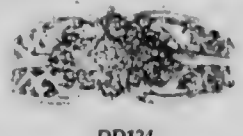
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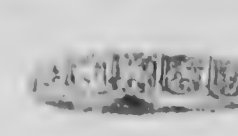
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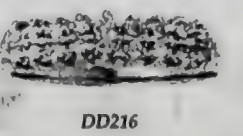
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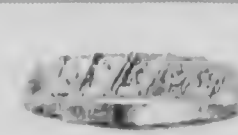
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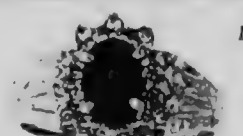
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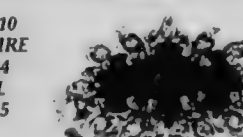
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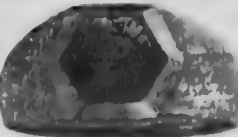
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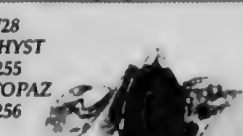
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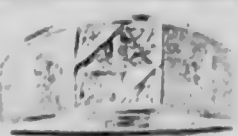
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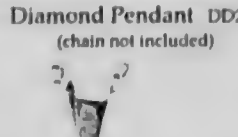
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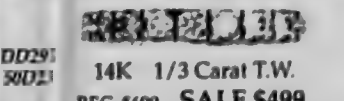
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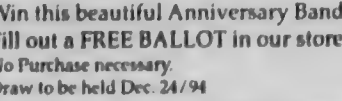
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Jeremy Hewson, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Christmas Time

Christmas is a time to give.
Christmas is a time to receive.
Christmas is a time to care.
Christmas is a time to share.
Christmas is a time to get the tree ready for Christmas Day.
Christmas holiday is a time to go skiing at Sir Sam's and a time to go G'ing.

Brian Reid, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

It's Christmas!!

Singing carols through the night,
Hoping we will get a kite.
Dolls, diamonds, darts,
Snowsuits, sweaters, skis,
Games, gab, goggles,
Barbies, balls, bears, bicycles,
Coats, clowns, computers,
Videos, video games, vans,
WE ALL LOVE CHRISTMAS!!!

Laura Harvey, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Where's the Sleigh?

"Santa! Santa! It's Christmas Eve," said the elves. "Yes will you help me pack the toys?" asked Santa. One, two, three, four, five,.... We're almost ready Santa. "Oh, no! The sleigh is gone!" yelled Santa. "Where could it be?" said the elves. "It's not in the store room," said Santa. "It's not in the iceberg," said the elves. "Now how am I supposed to deliver presents?" asked Santa. "Maybe I left it in Pittsburg," said Santa. "Santa! Santa! What's this?" shouted the elves. "Why it's a car!" said Santa. "Maybe we can use it. Maybe we will be able to deliver presents," said Santa. "Oh boy!" said the elves. "But it will be a tough job for the reindeer." "Hook up the reindeer!" said Santa. "OK!" said the elves. "On Dasher, Dancer, Prancer. On Donner, Cupid, Comet, Vixen and Blitzen. We're off to deliver presents. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night," shouted Santa. The End

Ryan Hutson, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Santa's Been Kidnapped!

One cold winter's night, a little boy sat on his couch in front of his fireplace all toasty and warm. His name was Mikie. He lived in Edmonton, Alberta. All of a sudden, he heard the phone ring. His mother picked it up and heard a squeaky voice say, "Please tell Mikie, Santa's been kidnapped and we need to find him. We'll meet just by the playground." So his mother hung up and told her son. She dropped her son off at the playground and they went on a mysterious journey. They were finally there. Santa was all tied up with an apple in his mouth. We rescued him. BUT, unfortunately we had to fight to get him back. Everyone got home safely and had a good Christmas - especially Santa!

Luanna Hardy, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

How Christmas Was Saved

On December 24th, 1994, Mr. Grinch wanted to have Christmas his way, but he was not Santa. He had to catch Mr. Santa Claus. Mr. Grinch dressed up in a reindeer costume and caught Santa. Santa's wife called three people. They were Tim Andrus, Shane Lowes, and Cory Schell. She said, "Bring three dogs. I'll pick you up at your house." They were picked up. They saw the Evil

The sleigh was missing... and other Christmas adventures

written by the students of
J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School

Grinch. Tim told Bolo to go get that green guy. Mr. Grinch's cow came, but Bolo was still fighting to get the Grinch. Cory's dog, Oggie, attacked the Grinch. Shane's dog, Falon, went after the Grinch. The Grinch had magical powers that could turn dogs into people. Bolo was the only dog who was not turned into a human. Cory's dog called 9-1-1 but the line was busy. The reindeer heard the noise. The Grinch turned the reindeer into mice. The last hope was Bolo because the other dogs were humans. Cory told Santa to hide which he did. Bolo went up behind the Grinch and the Grinch was saying how he would take over Christmas. Bolo bit the Grinch in the back of the leg. Then all the Grinch's powers disappeared. Santa gave 201 presents to the three boys. That's how Christmas was saved!!!

Tim Andrus, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Santa's Christmas

One day Santa had a party. He invited Tim Andrus and I. Some elves came and ruined the party, but still it was good. Then out of nowhere came Evil Santa with his gang of punks. They tore down everything. They ate the cake, and beat up the people. It was finally over. The place was a pig sty, but we cleaned it up. The place was sparkling clean, but we were stressed. Still the party went on. The place turned into a mess again. We called the Energizer Bunny, but the Evil Santa came back. They had a battle. Nutcrackers, reindeer, and toys fought day and night. All of the toys were okay, and so were the reindeer. It ended off with me so I scared him. It was worth it. Santa came. He cried because the Energizer Bunny didn't last long. So I bought him a new energizer battery. Santa wasn't sad after that and the Energizer Bunny made more commercials.

Daniel Wayne Esam Parnell, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Journey to North Pole

Once there were two girls named Charlotte and Daniella Webbers. They lived in Cambridge Bay in an igloo. One night, when the Inuits were having their annual game night, the girls received a letter in the mail. The packaging was all neat and it looked like someone important needed them for something special! Well, this was true. Someone did need them. The letter was from Santa Claus and he needed them to fill in the spot of two sick elves, Important and Special! The girls were very

happy. As soon as they were at home and off to bed, they did not go to sleep. They were in Toyland, North Pole. Well, the girls helped with the presents and clothes. Daniella was on the test-out patrol and Charlotte was on the painting squad.

Weeks passed and soon Christmas was around the corner. Then one night, Santa told all the elves that there would be a draw to see who would go with Santa to deliver presents. Daniella won and Doubtful the elf. Christmas was over and the girls longed for their parents so they went to Santa and said, "Can we go home?" "Well," Santa said with a little disappointment, "It would be a shame ... well ... I guess." Rudolph and

John. "Well I don't!" said Lesley. "Well be that way!" replied John and he trotted up the stairs. Mom came in the room and said, "You should not be so rough on your brother." She went out of the room. So Lesley sat on the couch. John looked out his window. John started talking out loud to Santa. While he was doing that, he fell asleep.

Up in Santa's world, there was Santa and Mrs. Claus putting the harness on the reindeer. It was really neat up there. Christmas Eve came. John went to bed at 7:30 p.m. so he would get up really early.

It was midnight. The clock struck 12 times. Then Santa came down the chimney half way. He got stuck! John woke up. He looked up the chimney and saw a big lump in it. "Santa!" he called. John woke up everyone. They came down the stairs. The mother went and called the O.P.P. and the fireman. They came and helped Santa out. When he got out, there was a big hole in the chimney. Santa Claus used his magic touch and fixed the hole. Then John and his family got a big reward and got all the presents they wanted. John said to Lesley, "Now, do you believe in Santa?" "I sure do!" she said.

Sarah Collins, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

The Best Gift Of All

Four years ago around this time, Mrs. Benson gave birth to Siamese twins, Jessi and Jacalin. It was a miracle that they lived.



Victoria Street School children listen to the Haliburton high school band perform

Olive drove them home. Year after year, they went back and saw Santa. The girls go back to this very day.

Emily, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

I Do Not Believe In Santa

"One day until Christmas. I can't wait!" said John. Then John said, "Can't you wait?" Lesley said, "I do not believe in Santa." "But you must, you must," said

Together they weighed 4 1/2 pounds. They are joined at the heart but there are two hearts and the operation that is necessary is very risky. When Mr. and Mrs. Benson took the twins shopping, they asked them what they wanted for Christmas. Their reply was that they loved each other very much but wanted to be separated. After they had done their shopping, they went to the hospital to talk with the doctor. The doctor explained the operation in full detail. They agreed to do the operation in two weeks, one week before Christmas. The day of the operation rolled around. They had admitted the twins in the hospital and were sitting and talking with them. Mr. and Mrs. Benson left the room and went to talk to the doctor. Again they went over the operation and about the other teams of doctors helping. He had told them about the practice run, and asked if they could only save one, which one would it be? Mr. Benson spoke up and said, "Our love for them is equal." They couldn't decide that. Mr. and Mrs. Benson went and kissed the girls. Mrs. Benson went over to the doctor and said, "You take good care of my babies." The operation took several hours but was finally done. Both of the girls had survived and were breathing on their own. Three days later, they were standing and talking but not walking yet. The doctors had never seen such a fast recovery. Four more days before Christmas and the twins were now walking and eating solid food again. The two girls went home the next day in time for Christmas alive and well "It's the best gift of all!" said the Bensons.

Tori Browne, 5A, J.D.H.E.S.

Arthur's worst Christmas

A long time ago, in a mystical village on the southeast coast of the U.S., the greatest sorcerer in the world was dying. He was

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Lacey Johnson, Jocelyn Gurr and Tiffany English making gingerbread houses

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casting the spell to put his crystal in a safe place when he died. Everything went wrong! The crystal ended up inside a boy named Arthur. Arthur would have to be killed to get it out.

This crystal gave the greatest sorcerer maximum power.

Anyway, this evil sorcerer, Yalin, found out. This good sorcerer found out that Yalin found the secret. Yalin, since he was evil, wanted to strike on Christmas Day. Merlin, being good, wanted to protect Arthur.

Christmas Day Yalin knocked on Arthur's door. Sheila, Arthur's mom, answered the door. Yalin said, "I'm a sick old man. Help me!" Yalin stepped into the house and cast a freeze spell on Arthur and Sheila. Merlin appeared in front of Yalin and cast a shockbolt at Yalin. Yalin flew through the door and returned a shockbolt. Merlin flew across the room. Yalin cast another shockbolt at Merlin. Merlin rolled out of the way and consumed all his magical power and cast "death" at Yalin. Yalin then died.

Merlin freed the two and explained the whole thing.

He spent the rest of Christmas with Arthur and Sheila.

Dan Craig 5A J.D.H.E.S.

The Santa Tree

One day Matthew Gerry, Dan Parnell, Alex Ambridge were walking in the crunchy



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snow. They walked to the tree of Santa. When they got there Matt, Alex and Dan looked at the tree of Santa. In that fat Santa tree, there was a gift for anybody who wished in front of it. They will get whatever they want! Alex wished for an aluminum hockey stick. Dan wished he could be the next Superman. Matt wished he could play for the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team in the N.H.L. When they grew up, they got their wishes. The boys stayed friends forever. Dan became the next Superman and he saved people's lives. Alex went to the Toronto Maple Leafs and he scored 50 goals in one game! Matt went to the Pittsburgh Penguins and when Alex and Matt played against each other they would kill each other for fun.

Matt Gerry 5A J.D.H.E.S.

My Magical Christmas

One cold and shivering Christmas Eve, I Porsche Winiker woke from my bed. I had the wierdest dream about Santa Claus. His sleigh had broken and all the toys had fallen into the sea. Santa stopped at my house for some help. The truth was that I wasn't dreaming! He really stopped at my house. As I walked down the stairs, he said, "Can you help me? My sleigh has broken and I need a way back to the North Pole." "Well we have a sleigh in the garage for the parade. I guess you can have it," I replied. He asked me if I wanted to come. I said it

Santa invited him to help deliver presents!

would be fun. We got the sleigh into the sky. We crossed China, Alaska and then we finally got to the North Pole. It was a magical place where you wouldn't want to leave. It would make you feel like you were at home. But who am I kidding? When I was out of the sleigh, we walked to the toy shop. I watched them make toys and toys and toys. When they were done, we flew back. Santa said "Do you want to help me deliver presents around the world?" I replied, "I'd love to." When we were done, Santa dropped me off at my house. He flew off and I didn't see him until the next year. I never forgot that special year.

Jessica Bain 5A J.D.H.E.S.

The Boy Who Got Everything

Once upon a time, there lived a boy named Robert. He was five years old. He lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His favorite time of the year is Christmas time. The reason he like it so much was because he got lots of presents. He liked getting lots of presents because he was an only child and had no one to play with. Do you know what he

actually got? He received everything that he asked for last year. He asked for a Sega Gennis, C.D. player, game boy, dog, cat, fish, newt, hamster, and a monkey. This year, he asked for a baby brother or sister. He didn't really care which one. Do you know what he got? A little sister came named Sarah and a brother named Brian. Can you believe that? I wish I could get everything I asked for. Do you? For the rest of the years that Robert believed in Santa, he didn't really care what he got for Christmas, even if it was smaller and not as neat as Brian and Sarah's toys. Robert gave up being spoiled and let Brian and Sarah have a go at being spoiled. Soon they realized the biggest and the best gift of all was love and having each other. Soon

after they gave up being spoiled and carried on with their lives. Robert, Brian and Sarah became the best of friends forever.

Lesley Pearsell 5A J.D.H.E.S.

The Late Christmas

Once on a night not so long ago, Misty Wilson and her mom and dad (Gerry and Becca) were having dinner. Cheetah was nibbling on a juicy new bone, Kitty Co was eating her new kitty food. All of a sudden, Misty jumped from her chair and ran upstairs crying. When she got to her room, she instantly got two pieces of paper and started writing a letter to Santa. In two hours her mom came up to tuck her in. She found her asleep on a piece of binder paper. She carefully slipped the paper from underneath her. Becca read it out loud and then went out to the speedy mail office. It would get there in fifty-two

seconds. Misty woke up in the morning on Christmas Day and went down stairs. She immediately went rushing over to the tree. She was hoping to get the doll she had asked Santa for. When she got there, there were no gifts for her. Her mother had opened her gifts and so had her dad. But there was no sign of gifts marked Misty. That night she couldn't get to sleep. She was worried that Santa wouldn't come. Then she remembered that she had not sent the letter. So Misty rushed over to her desk and looked for it.

When she couldn't find it, she got more worried. That morning, she got out of bed feeling glum. She went downstairs. She went to the table and then just in case she went over to the tree to see if there were any presents for her. To her surprise, there were. Then from that day on, she always wrote her letters to Santa two months ahead of time.

Aleka Lilius 5A J.D.H.E.S.

What Is Coming Soon?

Snow is here, But not to stay, Kids are now out to play.

Snow suit, scarves, mittens too. I'm dressed for winter. How about you? Toboggans out! There's no doubt. Christmas is here!

Lesley Pearsell 5A J.D.H.E.S.

Keri's Christmas

Far out in the woods lived two men. Their names were Ricky and Jason. They were both robbers. They had escaped from jail two weeks before Christmas.

"So Rick, who should we give our Christmas present to this year?" laughed Jason meanly. "Well I don't know this town very well!" said Ricky. "I guess we should go out tonight after dark and pick a house to go to next week." said Jason. "Okay sounds good to me," said Rick. So that night the two of them went out and saw a little girl turning off the light in her room and going out. They decided they would go to that house the next week.

The next week at night, Ricky and Jason went to the same house. The girl's parents were not there so they went in (the door

wasn't locked) and saw the girl watching T.V. She saw them and was very frightened! Rick picked up the girl and carried her to their car. (Ricky had to carry Keri because she would not go.) They took her to a nearby lake and threw her in. She could swim though, so she was alright but very cold! Then the two men drove off.

"I wish for Christmas that someone will come and save me!" Keri yelled. Then suddenly someone in a red suit came flying in a sleigh towards her. She realized that it was Santa Claus! He picked her up out of the water and took her home! She could not believe it!

She said, "Thank you." He said that she had been a very good girl this year and will get



Two year old Stephen Graham and his dad Scott with Santa at IGA

everything she wanted and she did! She and her family had a wonderful Christmas!

Laura Harvey 5A J.D.H.E.S.



Lacey Johnson making a gingerbread house at Victoria Street

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ON A GOOD NOTE: The HHSS Clarinet Quartet was one of the performers at Victoria Street School last week when music teacher Tom Regina arrived with several of his high school students to spread some Christmas cheer. From left are Amanda Alexander, Terri Edlington, Ginny Adamson and Kyla Grexton.

Funtastic Christmas Sale a smashing success

Senior League Winnifred Barnum - 286-2140

Thursday we held our first annual Funtastic Christmas Gift Sale in the auditorium. It was so successful and we are going to do this again next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for donating wonderful prizes for Residents' Council to raise funds to be used to our discretion: Home

Hardware - Animated doll; Kawartha Dairy - Sweat Shirt; Linda Fry - Hand made folk art wreath; Bill and Lenore Prentice - Sweat shirt and gift wrap.

Prizes were won by: Doll - Viola Cook, Haliburton; Dairy Sweat Shirt - Gaila Stamp, Minden; Folk art wreath - Dottie Muirhead, Minden;

Prentice sweat shirt - Lee Anne Kruusi, Gelet.

Thank you to the family and friends who donated so generously to our bake table in response to our telephone coordinator, Dorie Macallister.

We raised \$923.90 and thanks also goes to the volunteers who made donations and helped at the bazaar. The credit for the success goes out to our volunteers.

Special thanks to the following: Dottie

Muirhead and Donna Wallace for all their donations and hours they spent, it has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated; Donna Black for assisting with the delicious scones, the ladies from the sewing circle for displaying and selling craft items; and to Ellen Holden, Pat Scott, Rev. Burgess, Kathy Woods, Laura Kirkwood, Jean Robson and Pearl Cowen for all their help. What a great bunch of people.

Santa draws a crowd

Wilberforce

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Santa's Workshop drew a lot of interested people on Saturday Dec. 10th. There were so many lovely Christmas crafts for sale it was hard to choose just the right gift. As well as the crafts there was a large array of toys, decorations, clothing and bake tables.

The Seniors' annual Christmas dinner was on Friday Dec. 9th. It was very enjoyable with a great dinner, and gift exchange. The evening was topped off with a variety of lively entertainment. Many thanks are due to the Grandfather's Four and John Foreman and Gerard Mumford. These talented musicians brought back many memories with their great renditions of old songs. We hope they will come back

and visit us again soon.

The Seniors' Club is also looking forward to the children's concert on Dec. 20th. The children always put so much effort into this and it is a real treat to see them. The hall is filled with parents and grandparents and young family member eagerly awaiting the big arrival of Santa with his pack of treats for the children. Coffee, tea and goodies will be served afterwards, and this is a good chance to visit. Why is it that children always seem extra sweet just before Christmas?

The winner of the Euchre party on Dec. 2nd were: Lone hands Dugal Ranson, Ladies high Myrna Hayward, Men's High Walter Cameron, Ladies low Ethel

Deterling, Men's low Joan Clark, and the door prize was won by Gertrude Godfrey. All the card players are invited to the Christmas card party on Dec. 16th at the Lloyd Watson Center at 7:30.

At first no one was going to have a New Year's eve dance and now there are three planned. The Legion will have a dinner and dance. The Minor Hockey will have a dance at the Lloyd Watson Center, with the Coghlans supplying the music, now known as Tom and the Crosscuts. There will also be a dance at the Harcourt Hall with music by Clover. These are good bands, perhaps the Coghlans play more for the young crowd, if that is important to anyone.

The church services for the Christmas season are as follows: There will be a Eucharistic service at the Anglican Church at 9:15

a.m. on Dec. 25th. Mass at the Catholic Church in Highland rove will be at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 24th.

United Church service will be at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 18th, with no service on Christmas day. The Reformed Church will have its Christmas service on Dec. 18th, with no service on Christmas day. The Harcourt Community Chapel will have a Christmas concert on Dec. 18th with treats and gifts for the children. They will have a special New Year's Eve service on Dec. 31st.

Why not attend the church of your choice during the Christmas season, after all that's what it's all about. For more information please get in touch with your local church.

We wish our sick and shut-ins better health for the coming year. I will not be writing a column next week, so Merry Christmas everyone.

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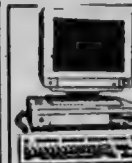
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December 15, 1994: Extendicare welcomes a new resident, Jessie McNaul. We hope her stay with us will be long and happy.

Celebrations are in full swing at Extendicare this Christmas. Every one looks forward to the many guests who make the season special.

Young people are especially welcome. This week groups from Lakeside Baptist Church Youth Group, 2nd Haliburton Girl Guides, the Grade 1 classes of Victoria Street School, and the Flute and Clarinet Choir from H.H.S.S., added so much to our Christmas.

The December Birthday Party was held for Vittoria Formica, and Ruth Sawyer this week.

The Country Family Christmas Party, this past Sunday was a wonderful time for family and residents to get together with great food and entertainment. Our guests, in harmony, always enhance the festivities with song.

Extendicare has lost a dear friend, Anne Schell, our volunteer co-ordinator. She will be missed by residents and staff alike. Tuesday Bingo will never be the same. We wish Anne's son Greg and all of her family our deepest sympathy.

Extendicare mourns the loss of Gladys McKown. She will be missed by both residents and staff.



CHRISTMAS WISHES: Michelle Winfield, a Grade 1 student from Victoria Street Elementary School, gives a Christmas card to Beatrice Matthews after the school finished singing Christmas songs for residents at Extendicare on Thursday.

Christmas services lined up

Dorset

Phyllis Briscoe - 766-2237

Happy birthday wishes to Tom Keown, Amber Ireland, and Olga Cunningham.

The Christmas services in the local churches will be at the following times: United-Dorset, 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th; Dwight, 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 24th, Hillside, Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. The Anglican services will be Port Cunningham at 7:00 p.m. Baysville at 9:00 p.m. and Dorset at 11:00 p.m. All Anglican services are on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.

The Dorset Senior Club held its Christmas Dinner party last Wednesday with a delicious buffet with

turkey and all the goodies that go with it. There was an exchange of gifts complete with the jolly old man himself handing them out.

There was a good turn out with 40 members present. One couple, Audrey and Len Whitworth, who spend six months at their summer home on Long Lake but have their permanent in Toronto, drove up for the occasion. Everyone was happy to see them. Audrey and Len are both active in the club, hard working and helpful. There was some entertainment during the evening. Al McMullen and Jim

Shank played guitars, accompanying carol singing by the group and Al sang a ditty composed by his wife, Carol, that was amusing. Mary Fitz-Gibbon recited an original poem, a climactic continuation of "The Night Before Christmas" that was delightful. A social time finished off an enjoyable evening.

Most of the business in the Dorset area are open 7 days a week at this time, gift, clothing, grocery, real estate, restaurant, etc. etc., so we are just as up to date as downtown Toronto. Another thing that swells our pride is the great display of Christmas lights and decorations. Going through the village after dark it looks just like a fairytale. A great place to live.

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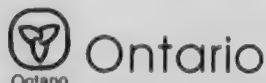
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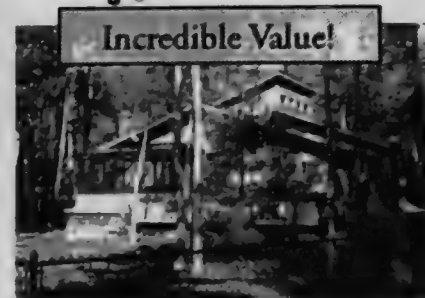
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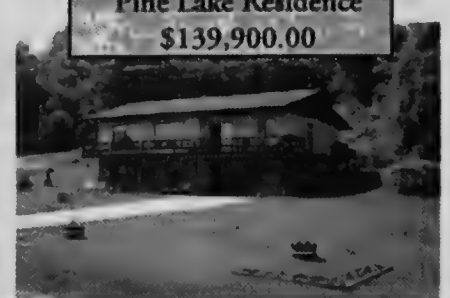
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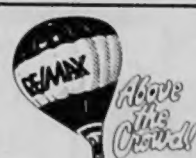
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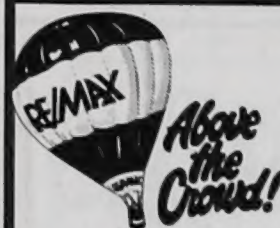
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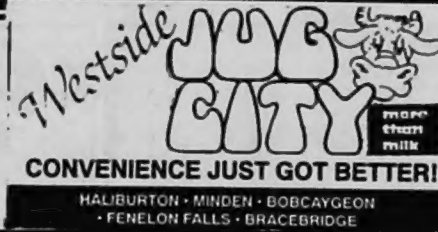
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Love Simone HarrisonFriends and relatives of **ISABEL-**
LA MOODY are invited to join in
celebrating her 80th birthday at
Echo Hills Apt. on Sat. Jan. 7th
from 3-6. Money Tree.**330 THANK YOU****I WOULD LIKE TO** say a big
thank you to Curry Motors for the
years of steady employment and to
all the gas customers who have be-
come friends over those years.
Thank you for all the gifts, cards
and best wishes given to me for my
retirement. Merry Christmas to everyone.
Russell Baker.**M-M-M-MANY THANKS** to Santa-
ta's helpers (Joyce Tait, Darlene
Johnson and The Potters) for the
Christmas goodies. Production day
was made "sweeter", thanks to
your baking skills. **The staff of**
The Echo.**THE STANHOPE FIRE-**
FIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION
thanks all those people who con-
tributed to the success of this
year's children's Christmas party
and seniors' tea. Included are fire-
fighters' ladies and friends for food
and refreshments; Chris and Ray
Johnson for entertainment, Sennitt
Dolls and Puppets for the raffle,
Stanhope Council and Recreation
Committee, Santa's helpers Amber-
Lee Cully and Dawn Mole, and
Santa himself (K.T.) for another job
well done.

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tions for their help and contribu-
tions to the C.N.I.B. to make this
year another successful campaign.
P. Ronald Barr, Campaign Chair-
man.

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THANKS
FOR A JOB WELL DONETo: Harry Cowen
Brian Curnow
Jamcy Anger
Wayne McDowellof
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Best Wishes for 1995
from Patricia Shuttle-Holt**340 BIRTHS****SMITH - Mike and Suzanne**
thank God for the early but safe ar-
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3 lbs. 11 ozs., on October 7, 1994.
Dylan is the first grandchild for Ed
and Gladys Fajar of Haliburton and
second grandchild for Allan and
Sharon Smith of Georgetown. Special
thanks to Dr. Murphy, Dr. Fal-
lis, Dr. Hartwick, H-2 nursing staff,
and especially to Dr. Smith and the
N.I.C.U. nursing staff at Orillia Sol-
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broke. Loving grandmother of
Todd, Kelly, Tammi, Shannon Boice
and Jeff, Debbie and Jim Blair, Tim
Gartshore and Sharon, Jeff Walker
and Natalie, and 7 great grandchil-
dren. Predeceased by five sisters
and one brother. Rested at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home, 127
Main St., Minden from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday. Funeral Service in the
Chapel on Thursday, December
15th 1994 at 1:30 p.m. Spring In-
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iburton, Ontario. Memorial Dona-
tions to the Heart and Stroke Foun-
dation or the Canadian Cancer So-
ciety would be appreciated by the
family.

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O'NEIL, H.I. (DANNY) - Sudden-
ly at his home in Brighton, Ont.
on Dec. 9, 1994, in his 74th year.
Beloved husband of the late Eliza-
beth. Dear father of Stronach (Mau-
reen) O'Neil and her partner Barb
Conyers of Salt Spring Island,
B.C., and Charles O'Neil and his
wife Janet of Haliburton. Grandfa-
ther of Eliza and Scott O'Neil.

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400 IN MEMORIAM**MacDUFF, MERLE -** In loving
memory of our mother and grand-
mother who left us December 24,
1993.Gone but not forgotten,
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So many times we've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
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And place flowers there with care,
No one knows the heartache
When we turn and leave you there.
Lovingly remembered by **Clarabelle**
and **David** and grandchildren.**SAWYER, RON -** In loving memory
of our dear son Ron who was taken
so suddenly on December 26, 1981.
Time goes on without you
The days turn into years
They hold a million memories
And a thousand silent tears
No length of time can dim the past
Too many memories hold them fast
Today, tomorrow, our whole life
through
We'll always love and remember you.
Sadly missed, **Mom and Dad.****410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS****NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of
PEARL MARY FOSTER,
deceased.All creditors and others having
claims against the Estate of Pearl
Mary Foster, late of the Township
of Dysart, in the County of Hal-
iburton, who died on or about the
2nd day of February, 1994, are re-
quired to file the particulars of such
claim with the undersigned solicitors
for the said Estate on or before the
31st day of January, 1995.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the
last day named, the assets of the
said Estate, will be distributed
among the persons hereto entitled
having regard only to the claims of
which the Administratrix for the Es-
tate being Susan Foster, shall have
notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario
this 15th day of December, 1994 by
BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers
and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Hal-
iburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.
Solicitors for the Administratrix of
the Estate of Pearl Mary Foster.

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410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of
LILA BERNICE GRAYAll creditors and others having
claims against the Estate of the
late Lila Bernice Gray, of the Town-
ship of Guilford, in the County of
Haliburton, who died on or about
the 12th day of December, 1994,
are required to file the particulars of
such claim with the undersigned
solicitor for the said Estate on or
before the 10th day of January,
1995.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the
last date named, the assets of the
said Estate will be distributed
amongst the persons entitled here-
to by the Executor/Administrator of
the Estate, having regard only to
the claims of which the solicitor
below shall have notice. Dated at
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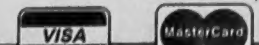
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At the Guilford Chapel on Dec. 10, a Scottish night was observed with Earl Cooper demonstrating chanter and pipes and explaining various types of Scottish and Highland dress. The Farrell boys, Brian and Ian, and Andrew Brown played Amazing Grace and Scots Wha Hae on their Chanters also. The pot luck supper was enjoyed by all, children and adults alike.

Those involved in the H.H.S.S. Drama Night from this area included Bob Sisson, son of Vicky

and Marty Sisson, Marc Letourneau, son of Shirley and Reg Letourneau. Both boys played their roles well. Carrie Sisson, daughter of Mike and Sharon Sisson and Katie Rodley, daughter of Harry Rodley both participated in the important behind-the-scenes activity. Marc was also involved as stage manager and in publicity Wayne Cooper directed the first play "A Matter of Wife or Death".

Looking ahead: Camp Medeba hosts a weekend event Jan. 6-8 for people from grade 8 to age 21,

led by Tim McCurry. The official name of his band is "Tim McCurry and Soul'd Out," and the thrust is Youth with a Mission or Y-Wam. Although the mission is centered on youth, everyone in the community is invited on the Saturday night 7:30-9:30 to the band concert, one of the players being Sylvia and George Claridge's son, Brian. Sandy Stevens at 754-1696 is available to answer questions re details.

As you might expect. The total cost is high for such an event. Children need to be subsidized and any contributions towards this cost will be most welcome. Again, Sandy can answer questions regarding this arrangement.

Once again we have reason to be very proud of one of our own residents for coming up with a good idea. Carol Stamp was the one who suggested the fund for Gregory Schell to be established at the banks in town. This community, too, feels the impact of

Anne Schell's death. Related as she was to so many Sissons as well as friendly to all who knew her. What a loss. As one who also lost a mother in my teens, I can offer my own deep sympathy to Gregory Schell.

A supper party for 22 was hosted by David Pequegnat at his home on Dec. 9, guests of honor being Lois and Carl Dugan. David's mother, Petra, was also a special guest. Lois' family of three was also present: Barry and Kendra Boice, Judy Johnson, and Jean and Tim Hancock. (Wayne Johnson being absent because of log house construction in Europe!) Tanya Foster and Paige Yateman dressed for the part as maids, waited on us at the door. Meals were taken to Ted and Carol Duncan so that they too could feel part of the happy occasion in the neighbourhood.

Sympathy is extended to Blanche Barry on the loss of her daughter, Lilian Hill of Bobcaygeon.



An angelic evening

On Thursday night, the students at the Gooderham Elementary School delighted family and friends with their annual Christmas concert. The students had been working hard to memorize their lines and rehearse their songs. Our thanks to Anne Costeloe for the photos

Sympathies sent

Carnarvon

Ann McKay - 489-2924

Our sincere sympathies to Lottie Ruttan and the Griffin family on the death of a beloved sister Lila Gray. The funeral was on Wednesday Dec. 14 at Maple Lake Cemetery.

Stanhope Seniors held their Christmas dinner on Monday evening Dec. 12. Bob and Grace Cowan had their family home from Bridgenorth on the weekend for an early Christmas dinner.

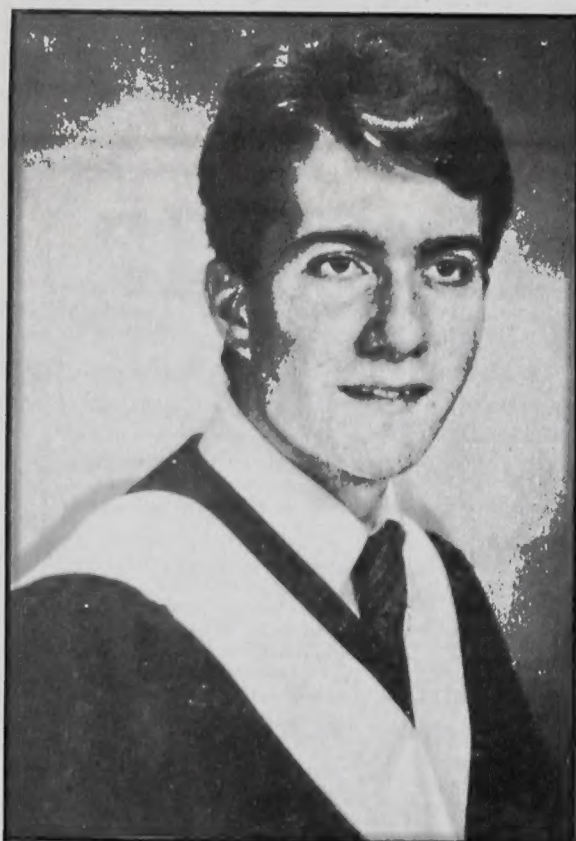
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bell were in St. Catharines last weekend. We are sorry to

learn Mary's mother is in a St. Catharines Hospital where she is terminally ill. Pray for her.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very happy and healthy Holiday Season.

Mrs. Bill McKay was in Sunderland visiting with David and Janet Moore and babysitting grandson Logan.

There will be a church service on Christmas morning at Zion United at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.



WHITTAKER GRADUATION: Congratulations to Darren Whittaker who has been successful in completing his uniform final exam for a chartered accountant. Darren earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics at Western University and his diploma in accounting at Wilfrid Laurier University. Darren attended for, and is currently employed by, Ernst and Young Chartered Accountants in Toronto. Proud parents are Doug and Lois Whittaker and brother Scott of Haliburton



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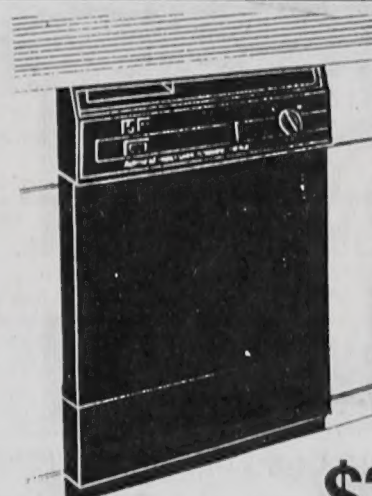
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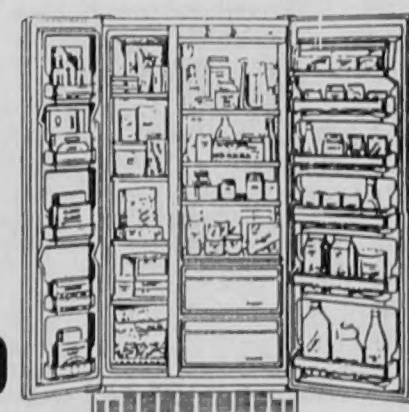
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